



Hartlepool  
Borough Council

# Licensing Sub-Committee Agenda

4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Committee Room C  
**Members:** Licensing Sub-Committee  
Councillors Bailey-Fleet, Dunbar and Reeve

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1. Apologies for absence
2. To receive any declarations of interest by members
3. Minutes
  - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
  - 3.2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
4. Items for Decision
  - 4.1 Application for the Review of a Premises Licence– Go Local, Victoria House, 24-26 Avenue Road, TS24 7SE (*Assistant Director, Regulatory Services*)
5. Any other business which the chair considers urgent



## **LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The meeting commenced at 10:00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

**Present:**

Councillor: Nelson (In the Chair)

Councillors: Jorgeson

Also Present: Councillor Dunbar as substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 for Councillor Thompson

Officers: Rachael Readman, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager  
Gemma Redfern, Solicitor Litigation  
Claire Mcpartlin, Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer

## **22. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thompson.

## **23. Declarations of interest by Members**

None.

## **24. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2025**

It noted by the Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer that 23 April 2025 it was agreed as there had been no further discussions between the applicant and fire authority the meeting was to stand adjourned until such time as progress was made. Members had agreed this previously in the event that there was no progress by this date.

On 31 July 2025 notification was received via the Licensing Team that that the Fire Brigade had removed their objection to this application so a hearing would no longer be required as the licence would now be granted. The meeting was therefore abandoned. Members were informed of this

Minutes confirmed.

**25. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2025**

Confirmed.

**26. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2025**

Confirmed.

**27. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2025**

Confirmed.

**28. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2025**

Confirmed.

**29. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2025**

Confirmed.

**30. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order) 2006**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 31 – Review of Personal Licence BD – This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely (paragraph 1 – information relating to any individual and paragraph 2 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

**31. Review of Personal Licence BD:** (This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely (paragraph 1 – information relating to any individual and paragraph 2 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)

Members were asked to determine an application for a personal licence. Full details are in the closed minutes.

**Decision**

Detailed in the closed minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10:10 am.

CHAIR

# LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

## MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The meeting commenced at 10:00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

**Present:**

Officers: Jo Stubbs, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support  
Officer

### **32. Meeting Abandoned**

Following the withdrawal of the objections, the meeting was abandoned. Members had been advised of the situation prior to the meeting.

CHAIR

# LICENSING ACT 2003

## Procedure for Review 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. The Assistant Director (Regulatory Services) outlines the application, any relevant representations and relevancy to Licensing Policy and statutory guidance.
3. Members ask any questions of the Assistant Director (Regulatory Services).
4. Applicant for Review presents their case (either personally or via legal representation) and introduces witnesses where appropriate.
5. Questions by Members to applicant and/or applicant's witnesses.
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. Licence/Club Certificate holder presents their case (either personally or via legal representation) and introduces witnesses where appropriate.
9. Parties may question and clarify issues raised with the consent of the Chair.
10. If required, applicant/responsible bodies/interested parties to be given opportunity to sum up.
11. If required, the Licence /Club Certificate holder to be given opportunity to sum up.
12. 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.
13. Members to go into closed session to deliberate.
14. Chair informs parties of their decision, with reasons.



# Licensing Sub-Committee

4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)

**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE – GO LOCAL, VICTORIA HOUSE, 24-26 AVENUE ROAD, HARTLEPOOL, TS24 7SE

**Decision Type:** Non-Key

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## 1. Council Plan Priority

<b>Hartlepool will be a place:</b>
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where people live healthier, safe and independent lives. (People)
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## 2. Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider an application for the review of a premises licence in respect of Go Local, 24-26 Avenue Road, Hartlepool. A Summary of the application is outlined below:

2.2 Party requesting review: Trading Standards

2.3 The current premises licence holder is:           Lojan Ramesh  
  140 Newcastle Road  
  Sunderland  
  SR5 1NA

2.4 The premise licence and the role of Designated Premises Supervisor is held by Mr Lojan Ramesh.

2.5 A copy of the licence is attached as **Appendix 1**.

2.6 A copy of the review application is attached as **Appendix 2**.

2.7 Google streetview images of the property are attached as **Appendix 3**.

2.8 The application for review refers to the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime & Disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm

### 3. Background

3.1 On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025, the Trading Standards team carried out an underage sales operation aimed at identifying premises in the town that were selling age-restricted products to children. The operation involved 15-year-old and 16-year-old volunteers who covertly entered licenced premises under the supervision of officers and attempted to buy the products.

3.2 At approximately 19:27pm the volunteers attended the shop and were sold four cans of Strongbow Cider and a Lost Mary vape containing nicotine. It is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol to an individual aged under 18. It is also an offence under the Children and Families Act 2014 to sell a nicotine containing product to a person under the age of 18.

3.3 The premises licence has a “Challenge 25 Policy” which was not followed.

3.4 A letter dated 17 October 2025 was issued requesting that the Licence Holder (Kulasingam Chandramohan) at the time of the sale attend a Police and Criminal Evidence Act interview. No response was received.

- 3.5 On the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 an application to transfer the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor for Go Local was received, a copy of these applications are produced as **Appendix 4** and **Appendix 5**.
- 3.6 At approximately 11:37pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, an officer from the authority’s Licencing department entered the shop and purchased a bottle of Kopparberg Cider. The premises licence only permits the sale of alcohol between 8am and 11:30pm the seller gave the officer a plastic carrier bag so that they could conceal the goods when they left the premises. I produce a Statement from the officer as **Appendix 6**.
- 3.7 Trading Standards have provided a written statement and evidence to support the review application, attached as **Appendix 7**.
- 3.8 Cleveland Police have provided a Statement supporting the review and this is attached as **Appendix 8**.
- 3.9 Hartlepool Borough Council Public Health Department have provided a supporting letter and it is attached as **Appendix 9**.
- 3.10 Hartlepool Borough Council Harms Outside the Home Team have provided a supporting letter and it is attached as **Appendix 10**.

## 4. Proposals

4.1 That Members consider the content of the report, representations made and determine what action, if any, should be taken in relation to the application for the review of a premises licence in respect of Go Local, 24-26 Avenue Road, Hartlepool.

## 5. Other Considerations/Implications

<b>Risk Implications</b>	None
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	Legal appeal by Licence Holder
<b>Subsidy Control</b>	None
<b>Legal Considerations</b>	Legal appeal by Licence Holder

<b>Single Impact Assessment</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Staff Considerations</b>	None
<b>Asset Management Considerations</b>	None
<b>Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change Considerations</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	Not Applicable

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members consider the representations made and determine what action, if any, should be taken

## 7. Reasons for Recommendations

- 7.1 None.

## 8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

- 8.2 Hartlepool Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy

[draft-statement-of-licensing-policy-2026](#)

## 9. Contact Officers

Sylvia Pinkney  
Assistant Director (Regulatory Service)  
[Sylvia.pinkney@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:Sylvia.pinkney@hartlepool.gov.uk)

Rachael Readman  
Trading Standards and Licensing Manager  
[Racahel.readman@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:Racahel.readman@hartlepool.gov.uk)



**THE LICENSING ACT 2003  
PREMISES LICENCE (PART A)**

**Premises licence number**

HART/PS/618

**Part 1 - Premises details**

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

Victoria House  
24-26 Avenue Road

**Post Town** Hartlepool

**Post Code** TS24 7SE

**Telephone number**

**Where the licence is time limited the dates**

N/A

**Licensable activities authorised by the licence. Any entertainment authorised by this licence is limited to indoors only, unless stated otherwise.**

1. Supply of Alcohol
2. Late Night Refreshment

**This licence does not authorise the provision of adult entertainment.**

**The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities**

- |                           |                 |               |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Supply of Alcohol      | Monday – Sunday | 08:00 – 23:30 |
| 2. Late Night Refreshment | Monday – Sunday | 23:00 – 02:00 |

**The opening hours of the premises**

Monday – Sunday                      06:00 – 02:00

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

Lojan Ramesh  
140 Newcastle Road  
Sunderland  
SR5 1NA

**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**

Lojan Ramesh

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by  
designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the  
supply of alcohol**

**Date licence granted: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

## ANNEX 1 – Mandatory Conditions

1. 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.

2. In relation to the exhibition of films, the admission of children must be restricted in accordance with the classification designated by the British Board of film Classification (BBFC) or other authority designated by the Video Recordings Act 1984 for the film, or films being exhibited.
3. Each individual employed or otherwise engaged at the premises to carry out a security activity must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
4. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
  - (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
    - (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
      - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
      - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
    - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
    - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
    - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;

- (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
5. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
  6. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
    - (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
    - (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either-
      - (a) a holographic mark, or
      - (b) an ultraviolet feature.
  7. The responsible person shall ensure that—
    - (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
      - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
      - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
      - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
    - (b) These measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises and
    - (c) Where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.
  8. (1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
    - (2) For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1—
      - (a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
      - (b) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula—

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

where—

- (I) P is the permitted price,
- (II) D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol,

- and
- (III) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence—
- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
  - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) “valued added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (3) Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- (4) (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

## ANNEX 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

- 1) Staff must require ID in the form of a current passport, photo card driving licence or PASS logo identity card from any customer who appears to be under the age of 25 and verify the customer is over the age of 18 before any sale of alcohol is made.
- 2) Notices must be placed in a prominent position advising customers the Premises operates a challenge 25 policy and all customers who appear under the age of 25 will be challenged for ID proving they are over 18 in the form of a current passport, photo card driving licence or PASS logo identity card.
- 3) All staff (whether paid or unpaid) engaged in licensable activity at the premises will receive training and information in relation to the following:
  - The Challenge 25 scheme in operation at the premises, including the forms of identification that are acceptable.
  - The hours and activities permitted by the premises issued under the Licensing Act 2003 and conditions attached to the licence.
  - How to complete and maintain the refusal register and incident log in operation at the premises.
  - Sale of alcohol to persons who appear drunk.
  - Proxy sales (buying of alcohol on behalf of persons under 18 years of age)
  - The operating procedures for refusing service to any person who is drunk, under-age or appears to be under-age, or appears to be making a proxy purchase.
  - Action to be taken in the event of an emergency, including reporting an incident to the emergency services.
  - Training records must be completed before he / she makes a sale or supply of alcohol and signed by both the staff member and the Designated Premise Supervisor/Business Owner or Premises Licence Holder

Training records must be completed in respect of every member of staff and must include the name of the member of staff trained, date, time and content of the training.

Training records will be retained for future reference and refresher training will be completed at least every 6 months.

Training records must be available at the Premises and made available to the police, trading standards or licensing officers on request and / or during an inspection.

- 4) There will be an incident book, or an electronic incident recording system used at the Premises and kept up to date at all times recording the time date and details of all incidents at the premises or directly outside of the premises. The incident book must be made available to the police, trading standards and / or licensing officers on request or during an inspection.

The incident book will be used to record the following: -

  - all crimes reported to or at the premise
  - all ejections of customers
  - any complaints received
  - any incidents of disorder

- any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment
  - any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service
- 5) There will be a refusals book or electronic refusals system used at the Premise and kept up to date at all times recording the date time and reasons for every refusal to sell alcohol to a customer. The refusals record must be made available to the police, trading standards and / or licensing officers on request or during an inspection.
- 6) A digital Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV) will be installed and maintained in good working order and be correctly time and date stamped. The system will incorporate sufficient built-in hard-drive capacity to suit the number of cameras installed.
- CCTV will be capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions, particularly facial recognition.
  - Cameras will encompass all ingress and egress to the premises, the front of the premise and all areas where the sale/supply of alcohol occurs.
  - The system will record and retain CCTV footage for a minimum of 31 days
  - The system will record for 24 hours a day.
  - The system will incorporate a means of transferring images from the hard-drive to a format that can be played back on any desktop computer.
  - The Digital recorder will be password protected to prevent unauthorised access, tampering, or deletion of images.
- 7) There will be at all times, when the premises is open, a member of staff on duty with access to the CCTV system who is trained in the use of the equipment. Upon receipt of a request for a copy of CCTV footage from Police, Licensing Officers or any other Responsible Authority, the member of staff will produce the footage within 24 hours or less if urgently required for investigations of serious crime. CCTV footage must be made available to be viewed by the Police, Licensing Officers or other Responsible Authorities on request during an inspection of or visit to the Premises
- 8) The premises will not stock, display or sell any lager, beer, cider or perry product with an ABV content above 6.5%.
- 9) The premises will not sell any single cans of lager, beer cider or perry.
- 10) The display of alcohol will not exceed the area specified and identified as alcohol display areas on the plan attached to this application. Or such other areas within the store equivalent to and not exceeding the shelf and floor space identified on the said plan for the display of alcohol, without the consent of the police and licensing officers.
- 11) There must be a minimum of 4 signs in the premises visible at the points of sale stating that it is an offence:
- to sell alcohol to persons under 18 years of age.
  - to purchase alcohol on behalf of any person under 18 years of age

- to sell alcohol to any persons who appear drunk or under the influence of other illegal substances.

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

NONE

## **ANNEX 4 - Plans**

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS YOUR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ATTACH THE CURRENT 'PLAN' TO THIS PREMISES LICENCE AND KEEP THIS LICENCE (OR A CERTIFIED COPY) IN A SECURE PLACE AT THE LICENSED PREMISES.

IT IS AN OFFENCE NOT TO PRODUCE YOUR PREMISES LICENCE (INCLUDING THE PLAN) UPON REQUEST BY A POLICE OFFICER, LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICER OR AUTHORISED PERSON.



## 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 Josh Maitland on behalf of Hartlepool Trading Standards

*(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**

Go Local  
Victoria House  
24-26 Avenue Road

**Post town** Hartlepool

**Post code (if known)** TS24 7SE

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

Lojan Ramesh

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

HART/PS/618

#### 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  Mr Josh Maitland Senior Trading Standards Officer Public Protection Civic Centre Hartlepool TS24 8AY
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

**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

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

I am requesting this review on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council's Trading Standards department, a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003. I believe the current trading practices at Go Local, 24-26 Avenue Road are opposing the licencing objectives of the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025, the Trading Standards team carried out an underage sales operation aimed at identifying premises in the town that were selling age-restricted products to children. The operation involved 15-year-old and 16-year-old volunteers who covertly entered licenced premises under the supervision of officers and attempted to buy the products.

At approximately 19:27pm the volunteers attended the shop and were sold four cans of Strongbow Cider and a Lost Mary vape containing nicotine. It is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to sell alcohol to an individual aged under 18. It is also an offence under the Children and Families Act 2014 to sell a nicotine containing product to a person under the age of 18.

The premises licence also has a "Challenge 25 Policy" which was not followed.

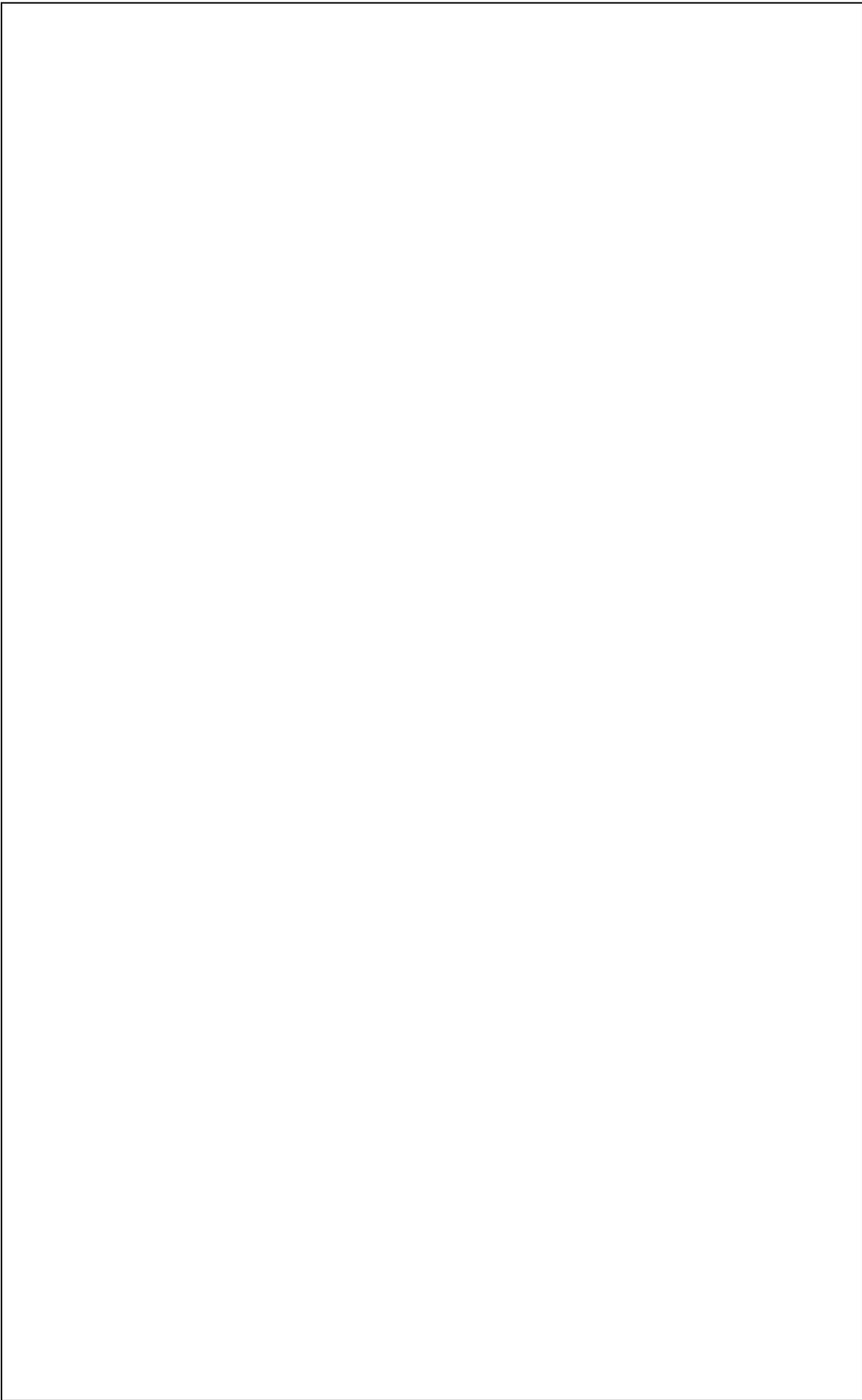
At approximately 11:37pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, an officer from the authority's Licencing department entered the shop and purchased a bottle of Kopparberg Cider. The premises licence only permits the sale of alcohol between 8am and 11:30pm and the operator knew this but served the goods anyway. In an unsuccessful attempt to not get caught, the seller gave the officer a plastic carrier bag so that they could conceal the goods when they left the premises.

With regard to the underage sale, the Licence Holder and DPS at that time did not co-operated with the investigation. They did not responded to interview correspondence where they could have provided insight as to why the incident happened which would also help prevent similar incidents from happening again.

Considering the evidence, it is the Authority's position that reviewing Go Local's premises licence is necessary and proportionate to protect children from harm and to prevent crime and disorder.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application** (please read guidance note 3)

To support my application supporting evidence will be provided by myself and Tracy Watling (Licencing Support Officer)



Please tick ✓ yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day    Month    Year

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**If you have made representations before relating to the 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, 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

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Date **12/01/2026**

.....

Capacity **Senior Trading Standards Officer**

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**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)**

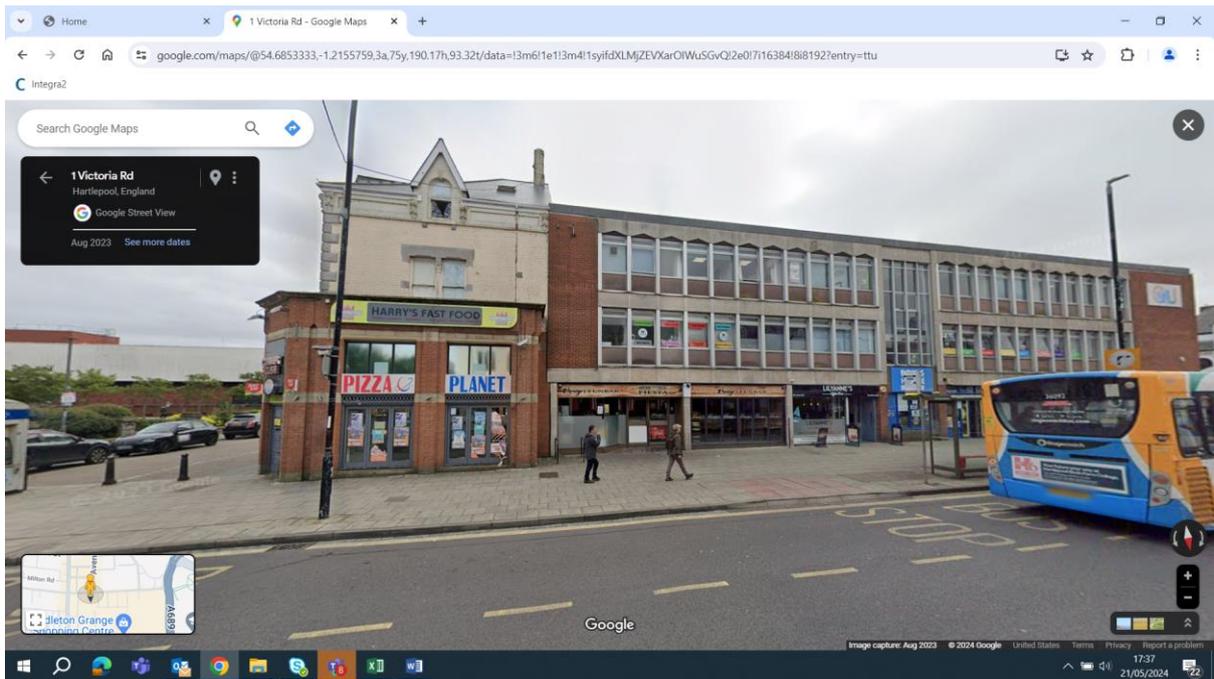
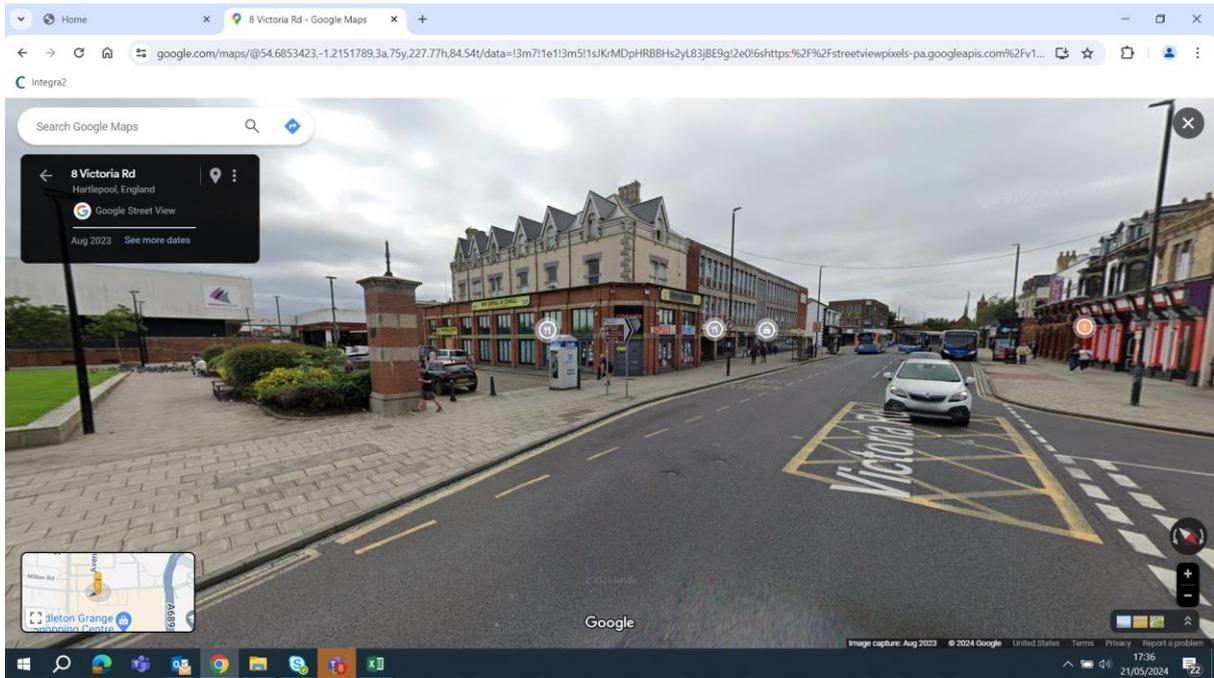
**If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)**

**Notes for Guidance**

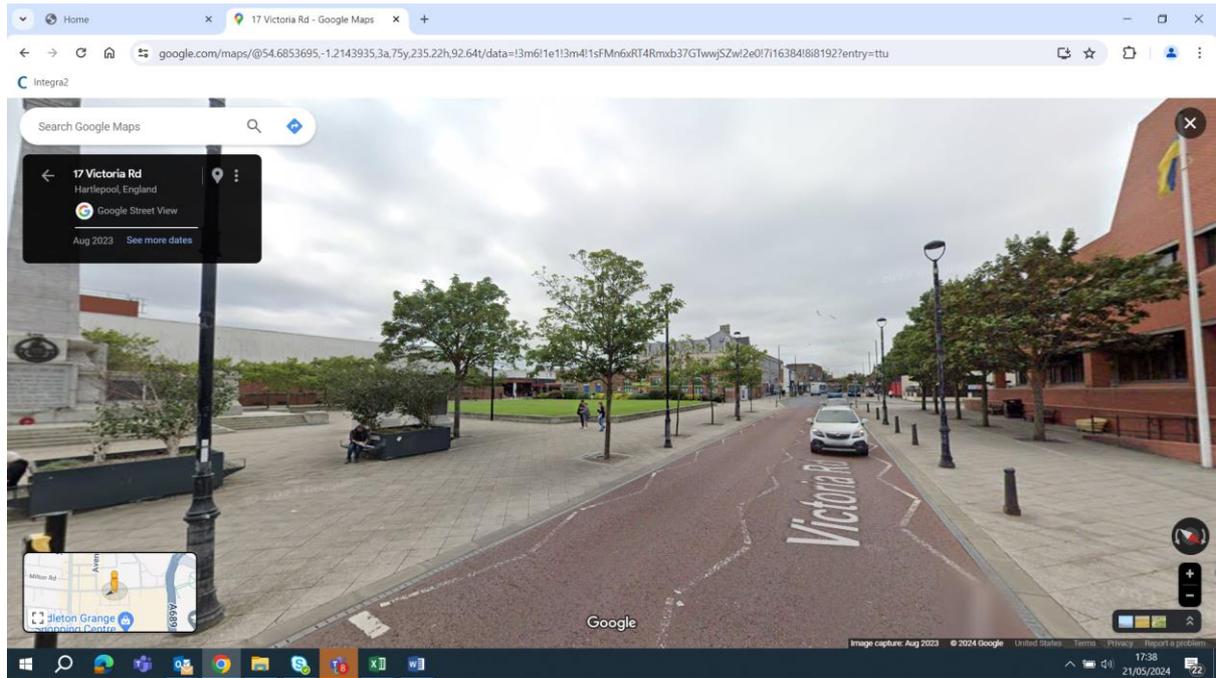
1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example 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.

**The Licensing Team  
Hartlepool Borough Council  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool  
TS24 8AY**

### Street View Images of the Premises



## Appendix 3 – Street View Images of the Premises





**Hartlepool**  
**Application to transfer premises licence**  
**Licensing Act 2003**

For help contact  
[licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk)  
 Telephone: 01429 523354

\* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes  No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

**Applicant Details**

**Name**

First name

Lojan

Family name

Ramesh

**Contact Details**

E-mail

Telephone number

Fax number

Other telephone number

Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader  
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

**Applicant Business**

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?

Yes  No

Is the applicant's business registered outside the UK?

Yes  No

**Continued from previous page...**

Commercial register

Registration number

Business name

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number  -

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Applicant's position in the business

Home country

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

**Address**

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

**Address**

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

**User Profile**

**Name**

First name

Family name

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### Contact Details

E-mail

Telephone number

Fax number

Other telephone number

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader

Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means you are applying so you can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

### Your Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?  Yes  No

Is your business registered outside the UK?  Yes  No

Commercial register

The entity with which your business is registered, for example "Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce".

Registration number

Business name

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

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**Address**

Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Address**

Building number or name	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

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**PREMISES DETAILS**

I/we, as named in section 1, apply to transfer the premises licence described below under section 42 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below.

**Premises Licence**

Premise licence number	<input type="text" value="HART/PS/618"/>
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**Name Of Current Premises Licence Holder**

Name	<input type="text" value="KULASINGAM CHANDRAMOHAN"/>
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**Premises Address**

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

- Address     OS map reference     Description

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**Address**

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Go Local"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Victoria House 24-26 Avenue Road"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Hartlepool"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="TS24 7SE"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Further Details**

Please give a brief description of the premises

<input type="text" value="Convenience Store"/>
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Telephone number at the premises if any	<input type="text"/>
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### Section 3 of 7

#### APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence to be transferred to you?

- An individual or individuals
- A limited company/limited liability partnership
- A partnership (other than limited liability)
- An unincorporated association
- A recognised club
- A charity
- The proprietor of an educational establishment
- A health service body
- A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales
- Other (for example a statutory corporation)

**Please confirm the following:**

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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#### INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

**Name**

Is the name the same as (or similar to) the details given in section one?

- Yes                       No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

First name

Family name

Is the applicant 18 years of age or older?

- Yes                       No

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### Address

Is the address the same as (or similar to) the address given in section one?

- Yes  No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="140"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Newcastle Road"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Sunderland"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="SR5 1NA"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

### Contact Details

Are the contact details the same as (or similar to) those given in section one?

- Yes  No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> dd mm yyyy
Nationality	<input type="text"/>
Right to work share code	<input type="text"/>

Right to work share code if not submitting scanned documents

### Name

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First name	<input type="text"/>
Family name	<input type="text"/>

Is the applicant 18 years of age or older?

- Yes  No

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**Address**

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County or administrative area

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No

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E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

Date of birth  /  /   
dd mm yyyy

Nationality

Right to work share code

Right to work share code if not submitting scanned documents

**Non Individual Applicant's Name**

Name

**Details**

Registered number (where applicable)

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association etc)

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District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

**Contact Details**

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- Yes  No

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E-mail

Telephone number

Other telephone number

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Are you the holder of the premises licence under an interim authority notice?

- Yes  No

Do you wish the transfer to have immediate effect?

- Yes  No

Have you attached the consent form signed by the existing premises licence holder?

- Yes  No

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If this application is granted I would be in a position to use the premises during the application period for the licensable activity or activities authorised by the licence (see section 43 of the Licensing Act 2003)?

Yes       No

Have you attached the previous licence?

Yes       No

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**NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK**

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**Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:**

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

**Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK**

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **together with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
  - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
  - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
  - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
    - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
    - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
    - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
    - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

**Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities.** If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

**Home Office online right to work checking service**

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online.

The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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**PAYMENT DETAILS**

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

This formality requires a fixed fee of £23

Fee amount (£)

**ATTACHMENTS**

**AUTHORITY POSTAL ADDRESS**

**Address**

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

**DECLARATION**

I/WE UNDERSTAND IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT

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\* 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.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971] FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

I UNDERSTAND I AM NOT ENTITLED TO BE ISSUED WITH A LICENCE IF I DO NOT HAVE THE ENTITLEMENT TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE UK (OR IF I AM SUBJECT TO A CONDITION PREVENTING ME FROM DOING WORK RELATING TO THE CARRYING ON OF A LICENSABLE ACTIVITY) AND THAT MY LICENCE WILL BECOME INVALID IF I CEASE TO BE ENTITLED TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE UK. I HAVE INCLUDED DOCUMENTS DEMONSTRATING MY ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

Full name	<input type="text" value="Ian Rushton"/>
Capacity	<input type="text" value="Agent"/>
Date	<input type="text" value="24"/> / <input type="text" value="11"/> / <input type="text" value="2025"/> dd mm yyyy
<input type="button" value="Remove this signatory"/>	

Full name	<input type="text"/>
Capacity	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> dd mm yyyy
<input type="button" value="Remove this signatory"/>	

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...
  2. Go back to to upload this file and continue with your application.
- Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Applicant reference number

Fee paid

Payment provider reference

ELMS Payment Reference

Payment status

Payment authorisation code

Payment authorisation date

Date and time submitted

Approval deadline

Error message

Is Digitally signed

**Digital Signature Information**

Signer's name

Signer's contact information

Signing time

Signer status

Signature status

Certificate issuer

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**Hartlepool**  
**Application to vary a premises licence to specify an individual as designated premises supervisor**  
**Licensing Act 2003**

For help contact  
[licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@hartlepool.gov.uk)  
 Telephone: 01429 523354

\* required information

### Section 1 of 4

You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference	Not Currently In Use	This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.
Your reference		You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

### Applicant Details

#### Name

First name	Lojan
Family name	Ramesh

#### Contact Details

E-mail	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Other telephone number	

Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
- Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

### Applicant Business

Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is the applicant's business registered outside the UK?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

**Continued from previous page...**

Commercial register

Registration number

Business name

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

VAT number

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

Legal status

Applicant's position in the business

Home country

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

**Address**

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

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City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

**User Profile**

**Name**

First name

Family name

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### Contact Details

E-mail	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Fax number	<input type="text"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

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 Applying as an individual

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### Your Business

Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?  Yes  No

Is your business registered outside the UK?  Yes  No

Commercial register	<input type="text"/>	The entity with which your business is registered, for example "Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce".
Registration number	<input type="text"/>	
Business name	<input type="text" value="JL Licensing"/>	If your business is registered, use its registered name.
VAT number	<input type="text" value="-"/> <input type="text" value="None"/>	Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.
Legal status	<input type="text" value="Sole Trader"/>	
Your position in the business	<input type="text" value="Owner"/>	
Home country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>	The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

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**Address**

Building number or name		<input type="text"/>
Street		<input type="text"/>
District		<input type="text"/>
City or town		<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area		<input type="text"/>
Postcode		<input type="text"/>
Country		<input type="text"/>

**Address**

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Street	<input type="text"/>
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City or town	<input type="text"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Section 2 of 4**

**PREMISES DETAILS**

I/we apply to vary a premises licence to specify the individual named in this application as the premises supervisor under section 37 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises licence number

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

- Address     OS map reference     Description

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**Address**

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="Go Local"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Victoria House, 24-26 Avenue Road"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Hartlepool"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="TS24 7SE"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

**Contact Details**

E-mail	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Fax number	<input type="text"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>

Describe the premises. For example, what type of premises it is

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**SUPERVISOR**

**Name**

First name	<input type="text" value="Lojan"/>
Family name	<input type="text" value="Ramesh"/>
Nationality	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Place of birth	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Personal licence number of proposed designated premises supervisor	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Issuing authority of that licence	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>

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**Name**

First name

Family name

Would you like this application to have immediate effect under section 38 of the Licensing Act 2003?

- Yes  No

The premises licence holder can continue the supply of alcohol if, for example, the existing premises supervisor is suddenly indisposed or unable to work.

Date you would like this application to have effect under section 38 of the Licensing Act 2003

/  /   
dd mm yyyy

- I will notify the existing premises supervisor (if any) of this application

It is sufficient for the licensee to inform the existing premises supervisor in writing, without sharing the specific details of the application.

Will the premises licence or relevant part of it be submitted with this application?

- Yes  No

Reasons why the premises licence or relevant part of it will not be submitted with this application

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor  
 As an attachment to this variation

Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'

**Section 4 of 4**

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This formality requires a fixed fee of £23

Fee amount (£)

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### STATEMENT OF WITNESS

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2;  
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

Statement of Tracy Watling  
*(Full name)*

Age of witness (if over 18 enter "over 18") **Over 18**

Occupation of witness Licensing Support Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

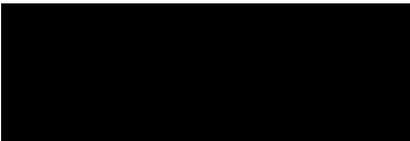
I am the above named person and am employed by Hartlepool Borough Council as a Licensing Support Officer.

On the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 I was part of an enforcement evening arranged by Hartlepool Borough Council's Licensing Team to carry out checks on premises within the Borough.

As part of this enforcement evening we had received intelligence that Go Local, 24-26 Avenue Road were operating outside of their licensable hours.

At approximately 23:36 I entered the premise to conducted a test purchase of alcohol. I attempted to purchase a bottle of Kopparberg, when I took this to counter the person serving me said "we are not supposed to serve after 11:30pm", to which I replied "Sorry didn't realise I will put it back", he then said "No no, I will put in a bag, hide under coat before you leave", I replied "I could not hide under coat", he responded "try to hide before leaving, I responded "OK". I purchased this bottle of Kopparberg for £2.99 and left at approximately 23:37.

Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026



Signed .....

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2;  
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)*

Statement of **Josh Maitland**  
*(Full name)*

Age of witness (if over 18 enter "over 18") **Over 18**

Occupation of witness **Senior Trading Standards Officer**

This statement (consisting of 3 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 in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

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(Signed)

I am the above named person and I am currently employed as a Senior Trading Standards Officer for Hartlepool Borough Council's Public Protection Department located at the Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool TS24 8AY. I have been employed in this team since March 2015 and part of my role requires me to enforce the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 years.

To identify individuals who may be selling age-restricted products to minors, the team carries out covert test purchasing operations where underage volunteers attempt to buy age-restricted products under the supervision of Trading Standards Officers. On the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025, I carried out such an operation with Chloe Bartley, Technical Officer Trading Standards, and two volunteers. One of the volunteers was fifteen-years-old and the other sixteen-years-old.

Before commencing the operation, a photograph of the volunteers was taken. I now produce this photograph as evidence as Exhibit JM/GL/01. The volunteers were of the same appearance throughout the operation. I will refer to the volunteers as 'Child A' and 'Child B'. 'Child A' is the volunteer on the left of the

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photograph and was 15 years old. 'Child B' is the other child in the photograph and was 16 years old.

At approximately 7:30pm I entered Go Local located on Avenue Road, Hartlepool. Upon entering the store, I walked about the shop before positioning myself in view of the serving counter. The volunteers were stood at the counter. I witnessed the volunteers get served with four cans of Strongbow Dark Fruits Cider and a Lost Mary vape by the cashier. After paying for the items both volunteers left the shop. I then vacated the premises soon after. After leaving the premises I placed the items in evidence bag number LC00232892. I now produce these items as evidence as exhibit JM/GL/02.

Upon leaving the store, 'Child A' advised me that he paid the cashier with a £20 note and received 42p change. The volunteers then advised me that the cashier asked them for ID but they said no. They then went to walk away but the cashier then asked if they were going to be around the area. 'Child B' advised the cashier that they were going to a house party, so the cashier sold them the items and placed them in a bag before they left.

Later that night, at 9:21pm, I went back to the premises to obtain the details of the individual who served to the volunteers. The same person was present who gave his name as Baskaran SELURASA and his postal address as the same as the shop.

Following the sale, an interview under caution request was sent to the person who was DPS and Licence Holder at the time of the underage sale, namely, Kulasingam CHANDRAMOHAN, but he did not reply. An interview by post was also sent to him but no reply was also received. Attempts were also made to invite

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Mr SELURASA to an interview under caution, but this was not possible. Mr SELURASA gave his address as the shop, but when attempts were made by Chloe Bartley to deliver the letter to the shop she was advised by the manager that he no longer works there. The manager advised Miss Bartley that he would find out and took her telephone number, but this was never forthcoming.

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# CLEVELAND POLICE

## WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement Clare LAWTON

Age if under 18: **Over 18** (if over 18 insert "Over18") Occupation: Pc 1620

This statement (consisting of **3** 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: C.Lawton Pc1620 Date: 03/02/2026

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

I am PC 1620 LAWTON for Cleveland Police currently stationed with the Licensing Support Unit at Middlesbrough Police Station

My role within the Licensing Support Unit is to work with and manage all alcohol licensed premises within the HARTLEPOOL area. The Licensing Support Unit aims to work in partnership with licensing authorities, other responsible authorities and stakeholders to ensure the proactive promotion of the licensing objectives within the Force's area.

It has been brought to my attention that HARTLEPOOL Borough Council Trading Standards have applied for a review of the premise licence at the GO LOCAL, VICTORIA HOUSE, 24-26 AVENUE ROAD, HARTLEPOOL, TS24 7SE.

The premise licence states that the store is for the off-sale supply of alcohol only Monday – Sunday between 0800hrs and 2330hrs. The name of the registered premise licence holder is Lojan RAMESH.

Signature C.Lawton Pc 1620 Signature Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

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Any premise with a licence has certain obligations with regards to both the four licensing objectives and the conditions stipulated in Annex 1, 2 and 3 of their premise licence. All 3 sets of conditions are legally binding and should be adhered to.

Along with the premise licence holder and the Dedicated Premises Supervisor all staff are expected to be aware of their responsibilities in running such a premise and should do everything in their power to assure that illegal activity is not happening from the premise. Along with upholding the licensing objectives.

The Police view the supply of alcohol and nicotine to underage persons along with the sale of alcohol after permitted hours so serious that anyone who engages in this sort of activity cannot be viewed as sufficiently responsible to uphold the 4 Licensing Objectives.

It is for this reason that the Police support the application by Hartlepool trading standards and strongly believe that the protecting children from harm and prevention of crime and disorder objectives are undermined.

The information received from trading standards states that a test purchase was carried out where age restricted products were bought by a 15 year old and 16 year old. A condition on the premise licence is to operate a challenge 25 policy and this was not followed. This is a clear breach of the premises licensing conditions and clearly undermines the licensing objectives. It is also an offence to sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 18.

On a second visit an officer from the licensing team was sold a bottle of cider after the permitted hours. The member of staff making the sale was aware of the permitted hours as in an effort to prevent detection they stated to put the bottle into a bag when leaving.

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Signature **C.Lawton Pc 1620**

Signature Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

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Continuation of Statement of Clare LAWTON

These are all issues the local authorities have addressed and discovered. It would be fair to assume that these have not been isolated incidents and that these issues have been ongoing at the premise but have just not been identified by officials.

To try and address these incidents trading standards have made attempts to speak with the premises licence holder and dedicated premises supervisor. However, they did not respond to the correspondence. This is concerning to Cleveland Police in that not responding shows a lack of willingness to cooperate. Licence holders are expected to act responsibly and this suggests they may not be taking their responsibilities seriously.

Cleveland Police strongly believe that if the business will not respond to something as important as an investigation interview, it raises reasonable doubt about whether they will comply with licensing laws going forward.

The premises license holder has demonstrated that he is clearly putting profit over the safety of the public along with failing to protect children from harm. It demonstrates that he operates his business irresponsibly and he along with his staff fail to ensure due diligence.

Cleveland Police cannot support or overlook this type of conduct from a licensed premise.

Licence holders have a duty to operate responsibly and within the terms of their premises licence, and it is unacceptable for any licensee to work outside those conditions, particularly when the majority of premises work hard to comply with them. C.Lawton Pc 1620

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Signature **C.Lawton Pc 1620**

Signature Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_



Public Health  
On behalf of  
Chris Woodcock (Director of Public Health)  
Civic Centre,  
Victoria Road  
Hartlepool  
TS24 8AY

**PREMISES DETAILS:**

Go Local  
Victoria House  
24–26 Victoria Road  
Hartlepool  
TS24 7SE

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

1. The prevention of crime and disorder
2. The protection of children from harm

**GROUNDINGS FOR REPRESENTATIONS**

Public Health has received an application submitted under the Licensing Act 2003 for a review of the premises licence for Go Local, Victoria House, 24–26 Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 7SE. The request for review has been made by Trading Standards following reports of alcohol and vape products being sold to children, as well as an incident involving the sale of alcohol at 11:37pm, which is outside the premises' authorised licensing hours of 8:00am to 11:30pm. The Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council, supports the licencing review recommended by Trading Standards Dept, Hartlepool Borough Council due to the suggested contradiction of licensing objectives.

Smoking is the leading cause of death and illness in the UK and a key contributor to avoidable health inequalities in Hartlepool. Hartlepool's prevalence of smoking for those aged 18 and above continues to fall, however Hartlepool has remained significantly worse at 13.5%, compared to the England average of 11.6%. In 2020/21 Hartlepool had the 8th highest smoking rate for those aged 15 and above in England, and the highest in the North East.

A critical recommendation to the government from Dr Javed Khan OBE's independent review on making smoking obsolete, is to promote vaping as an effective tool to help people to quit smoking tobacco, outlining the role that vaping can play in an effective tobacco control strategy. The evidence is clear that, for smokers, vaping is a far less risky option and, in the

short and medium term, vaping poses a small fraction of the risks of smoking. It is recognised that vaping is not risk-free and therefore vaping must be presented as an alternative to or replacement for smoking, not an activity which is appealing to the wider non-smoking population.

However, vaping is not for children and whilst it can help people quit smoking, those who don't smoke should not vape. It is recognised that there is a need to reduce the number of young people accessing vape products and the amount of non-compliant products available for sale, and we continue to work closely with our Trading Standards colleagues to support compliance with regulations and to take enforcement action when necessary. It is an offence under the Children and Families Act 2014 to sell a nicotine containing product to a person under the age of 18. Regulation also states that the packaging and labelling information of vaping products must include a reference that the product is not recommended for use by young people and people who don't smoke.

Our Tobacco Control strategy sets out our collective approach to reduce the prevalence of smoking and its effects on our communities in Hartlepool. The vision and priorities were developed with partners and informed by a needs assessment and include:

- Supporting smokers to stop and stay stopped and also to reduce harm – which recognises vapes can support smokers to stop and vaping is less harmful than smoking but not risk free.
- Reduce access to illicit tobacco/vapes and work with Licensing/Trading Standards to ensure ongoing compliance monitoring around all tobacco regulations as well as age of sale, proxy purchasing and point of sale displays.

It is important to note vaping devices and e-liquids are highly regulated to ensure public safety by controlling the amount of nicotine present and must be approved by the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The requirements from the MHRA:

- restrict e-cigarette tanks to a capacity of no more than 2ml
- restrict the maximum volume of nicotine-containing e-liquid for sale in one refill container to 10ml
- restrict e-liquids to a nicotine strength of no more than 20mg/ml, equivalent to 2%

Recent reports also show that illicit vapes can contain dangerous chemicals like lead, tin and nickel or contain harmful cannabis THC chemicals. High levels of inhaled lead damage central nervous system and brain development, especially if inhaled by a child or a young person. It is expected that all retailers ensure that all e-cigarettes, e-liquids and vaping devices they sell meet UK legal requirements.

Taking the above into consideration, we support the application by trading standards for the review of the licence due to the Public Health Concerns around the availability of vapes and the potential risk to young people.

Alcohol use is a national concern for public health as it can lead to several physical and psychological conditions, such as liver disease, high blood pressure, depression and anxiety.. Higher levels of alcohol use are often associated with higher levels of deprivation. More than half of Hartlepool, 52%, is within the most deprived quintile in England. Several of these areas of highest deprivation are areas where a significant proportion of the substance misuse caseload are located.

The Licensing Act 2003 (The Act) was implemented on the 24th of November 2005 across England and Wales. The Act allowed more flexible and longer opening hours for licensed premises. Within the UK, extensions of the hours of alcohol sales have been associated with increased per capita consumption of beer, increases in the number of alcohol-related diagnoses in hospitals, and increases in violent crime. Research has shown increases in alcohol-related overnight attendances to accident and emergency departments, and alcohol-related admission rates were associated with the 2005 implementation of the 2003 Act (Durnford, Perkins & Perry, 2008). This was supported by Newton et al (2007) who reported that overnight alcohol related emergency attendances increased significantly (as a consequence of injury and assault) after the introduction of new alcohol licensing legislation. If reproduced over longer time periods and across the UK, the additional burden on emergency care could be substantial. This highlights the importance of enforcing restricted hours for the sale of alcohol.

Hartlepool has the 18th highest alcohol related liver disease mortality rate in England and has been consistently worse than the England average for the last 6 years. This is also reflected in Hartlepool's alcohol related mortality rate which has fallen from a peak of 23.8 per 100,000 population in 2014-16 but is still statistically significantly worse than the England average. Hartlepool is also in the top 10 in the country for alcohol-specific hospital admissions with 1,171 per 100,000 of the population (2019/20), which is significantly (statistically) higher than the England average.

Approximately 25% of young people engaging with Hartlepool's drug and alcohol service do so in relation to alcohol use. Furthermore, the estimated level of unmet need for alcohol-related support in Hartlepool is around 75%, indicating that three out of four people experiencing problematic alcohol use are not currently accessing treatment or support.

Selling alcohol to children is not only a criminal offence but poses significant and well-documented risks across physical health, mental wellbeing, behaviour, education, and long-term life outcomes. Underage drinking is associated with alcohol poisoning, injuries, and impaired brain development, all of which can have lasting physical and cognitive consequences. It also increases the likelihood of poor judgement, risk-taking behaviour, violence, and other safeguarding concerns that affect both the individual and the wider community. Additionally, early alcohol use contributes to poorer educational outcomes and elevates the risk of dependency in later life (Ryan et al, 2019). These harms collectively reinforce the critical importance of strict controls on alcohol sales to protect children and uphold public safety. More specifically regarding the location of the applicant's premises, we

can see hospital admission rates for alcohol attributable conditions in Victoria Ward are significantly higher than the England average.

Because of the challenges outlined in this paper and the potential for alcohol related harm and harm caused to both adults and children regarding vapes and alcohol, public health are in support of the application to review the license of this premise.

Chris Woodcock  
Director of Public Health  
Hartlepool Borough Council

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On behalf of

**Harm Outside the Home and Edge of Care Team**

Civic Centre,  
Victoria Road  
Hartlepool  
TS24 8AY



A responsible authority wish to make representation about the application for review of Premises Licence.

**PREMISES OR CLUB PREMISES DETAILS**

**Go Local**

**Victoria House**

**24-26 Avenue Road**

**Hartlepool**

**TS24 7SE**

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

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| 1. | The prevention of crime and disorder | x |
| 2. | Public safety                        |   |
| 3. | The prevention of public nuisance    |   |
| 4. | The protection of children from harm | x |

**GROUNDINGS FOR REPRESENTATIONS**

The Harm Outside the Home and Edge of Care Team have received an application made under the Licensing Act 2003 for a review of premises licence for Go Local.

The Harm Outside the Home and Edge of Care Team submit representations in support of this review application for the following reasons.

In September 2025 HOTH received information that a group of children had managed to obtain alcohol from Go Local Extra on Avenue Road in Hartlepool. The children consumed this alcohol in a local park. Whilst under the influence of alcohol obtained in this premise a serious sexual assault was perpetrated by one of the children to another; this was subsequently reported to the Police as a crime.

Item referred to in my  
statement as exhibit

“ JM/QL/01 ”

Signed: 

