

LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name and address of premises: Carpathina European Food
337 Bowes Road
London Borough of Enfield
N11 1BA

Type of Application: New Premises Licence

Detailed below is information not previously included in the representation submitted on 22/06/23:

To date none of the information requested in the Licensing Authority representation dated 22nd June 2023 has been provided.

Having seen the Police Licensing Team representations it is apparent that both Mr Francinescu (the previous licence holder) and Mr Razvan Ene (the current applicant) are connected and that Mr Francinescu still has a business interest in this premises.

Companies House shows that he is the Director of the Company. It is not a case of the business having been sold to a new, totally unconnected person. It appears that the applicant is the nephew of the previous licence holder.

On 25th July 2023 the applicant's agent asked the following question:

'I wanted to inquire if Mr. Fransinescu's involvement solely delivering goods and negotiating prices with suppliers would be a permissible degree of involvement with the premises?'

My client Mr. Razvan is concerned that Mr. Fransinescu having built up a special relationship with the suppliers, if he is not permitted to be present at the premises or involved in the business at all this would affect the prices of supplies and would result in operating at a loss. Thus my client wishes to know moving forward if this is permissible or if there would be any objections.'

This again clearly shows that Mr Fransinsecu is currently still connected to the business.

The history of the premises is therefore relevant.

Details of a Premises Licence Review Application submitted by Trading Standards can be viewed on the Council's website - <https://governance.enfield.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=217&MId=13326&Ver=4>

The decision notice can be seen in **Appendix 1**.

The decision to revoke the previous premises licence was appealed by Mr Francinescu however the appeal was dismissed on 17th March 2022. Mr Francinescu was ordered

to pay the Council's costs of £8812.50. To date these do not appear to have been paid.

In the police representation it states: 'Not only is Mr Francinescu shown as the director but the contact number provided on the application form by Mr ENE, [REDACTED], comes back on police indices to Mr Francinescu, including on the above report of further illicit tobacco sales.'

The Licensing Authority is concerned that this application may have been made in the name of Mr Francinescu's nephew as Mr Francinescu knows he would not be granted a licence in his own name due to his history but that he is still the person in control of the business. If Mr Francinescu is still connected to the premises the Licensing Authority is concerned that the same problems regarding nonduty paid goods will occur.

The Licensing Authority therefore objects to this licence application in its entirety.

Duly Authorised: Charlotte Palmer, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

Contact: [REDACTED]

Signed: **CPalmer**

Date: 31.07.23