

POLICE REPRESENTATION

Name and address of premises: Pravalia De Acasa
428 Green Lanes
Palmers Green
N13 5XG

Type of Application: Transfer Premises Licence

The Application

This is an application to transfer the premises licence from Mrs Irina Anchidim to Mr Marian Florin Nantu and Mrs Mariana Nantu.

Location

This grocery store is situated within a parade of shops with residential properties above on a busy thoroughfare.

History

I have researched Police crime and intelligence systems relating to this venue with a negative result. However, the Enfield Council Licensing Enforcement Team received an allegation that the store was selling 'contraband' cigarettes.

The Police would like to object to the above application on the grounds of Crime and Disorder and make the representations below.

In view of the allegation and as part of our partnership working, I attended the venue on 6th August along with Enfield Council Licensing Enforcement Officers and HMRC Officers to carry out a search for illegal cigarettes under the Wagtail Operation.

Over 1000 packets of non duty paid cigarettes were found in store rooms and also in a specific area under the counter ready to sell. This is in contravention of Sec 144 of the Licensing Act 2003 – keeping of smuggled goods.

A lone female employee at the time contacted a male – I now know to be Mr Marian Florin Nantu – by telephone and requested that he attend the store, which he did some time after. This male explained that he owned the store but

had originally bought it for a family member (the PLH) who no longer had anything to do with the shop which he now ran. He confirmed the cigarettes were his. He was spoken to by HMRC and all the goods were seized.

The Licensing Enforcement Team carried out a full inspection shortly afterward and found several of the conditions of the licence to be in breach, the plan to be incorrect and the DPS no longer working there.

Subsequently the Licensing Enforcement Team have brought a review of the Premises Licence for revocation. In answer to this an application to transfer the Premises Licence has been received.

The Police have no confidence in the applicant running a licensed premises and being a responsible licence holder, due to the large amounts of smuggled goods he has admitted to bringing into the country. Mr Nantu states that he now runs the shop but has made no attempt to adhere to any of the laws surrounding the running of a licensed premises. He has not applied to be the licence holder or attempted to obtain a personal licence to enable him to become the DPS.

Police believe Mr Nantu has complete disregard for the law due to his smuggling actions and do not believe he will make any attempt to comply with the licensing objectives.

Should a hearing be required I reserve the right to add to this representation

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