

LICENSING AUTHORITY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name and address of premises: Euro International
212-214 Chase Side
Enfield
EN2 0QX

Type of Application: New Premises Licence

Detailed below is additional information not previously included in the representation submitted on 18/11/19:

22/11/19 – 23:10 – 23:18 Out of Hours Licensing Enforcement Officers (EVG/CT) visited the premises to check the outstanding licence conditions. C2 CCTV time was still incorrect, unable to check footage as no one able to use CCTV. C6, 7 – Training records not available. C9 – Refusal book not available. C18 – Ali Serbet not seen but works at premises so breach of condition. Advised to contact Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer to arrange appointment regarding compliance.

03/12/19 – Trading Standards Officers visited various premises in the borough to carry out illicit tobacco test purchases. As illicit tobacco was seized from the premises in Bush Hill Park that Mr Serbet is associated with in October 2019 that premises was tested. When the test purchase volunteer asked for ‘cheap tobacco’ the male member of staff went to the back of the shop and returned with a packet of Marlboro Gold. The packet appeared to be non-duty paid and did not comply with standardized packaging regulations. The member of staff does not appear to have been Mr Serbet.

04/12/19 - Mr Ali Serbet attended a meeting with a Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer (CPX) and PC Staff to discuss their representations in relation to this licence application. Mr Serbet was unaware that the licence for the premises had been surrendered despite this information being included in the Licensing Authority initial representation. He was advised to apply for Temporary Events Notices until a decision was made at the licence hearing. Mr Serbet brought a folder with him to the meeting which contained the following documents: Think 25 posters, CCTV in operation notices, Tobacco Notices, Leave Quietly posters, a training manual in both English and Turkish, an Incident Book, Complaint Forms, Training Records for himself and 1 other person dated 03.12.19, A refusals book – no entries. He also showed the officers a copy of a quotation listing items ordered on 18.11.19 and to be installed on 03.12.19 – new CCTV system. He showed the officers, via his mobile phone, that the CCTV was working.

Mr Serbet was asked what his connection is with the Bush Hill Park premises and he advised that he owns the shop despite not being the licence holder or the person who pays the business rates. When tobacco was seized in October 2019 Mr Serbet advised that he was the Director of Euro Istanbul Town Ltd. A check of the Companies House website found no such company. A check of the name Ali Serbet brought up a company called Istanbul Food Centre Ltd with a correspondence address that matches that of the Bush Hill Park Premises.

Mr Serbet was reminded that illicit tobacco had been seized from him at that shop in August 2018, that additional illicit tobacco had been found at that premises in October

2019. He was also told that Trading Standards Officers had attempted a tobacco test purchase at the shop on 03.12.19 and that a member of staff had sold illicit cigarettes to the officer. Mr Serbet was not aware of this most recent incident so was given the name of the seller and the estimated time of the test purchase so he could check his CCTV and see who made the sale. Mr Serbet said that it would not have been the person whose name the officers were given. Mr Serbet explained that he has been left in a very difficult position financially because of issues caused by previous staff and previous tenants. He brought a file to the meeting containing information about bailiff payments and business rates which he is trying to pay off as previous tenants did not pay. Mr Serbet said that he has been back in charge of the premises for approximately 1 year. Mr Serbet advised that he will be at the shop everyday.

04/12/19 – An officer (CPX) has checked the surrender letter again and although the letter was logged by the Licensing Team on 28th October 2019 it was actually date stamped as having been received by the Licensing Team on 21st October 2019.

The most recent failed test purchase at a shop that Mr Serbet admits he owns reinforces the Licensing Authorities opinion that this application should not be granted.

The Licensing Authority therefore continues to object to this application.

Duly Authorised: Charlotte Palmer, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

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Signed:



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