



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO LICENSING APPLICATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY – Gwent Police

Name of Applicant	SS Enterprise Store Ltd
Premises	25 Bryn Road, Cefn Fforest Blackwood NP12 3LZ

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Which of the four Licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	X
Public Safety	
The Prevention of Public Nuisance	
The Protection of Children from Harm	

<p>Please outline the reasons for your Representations</p> <p>The applicant Rouble Mann of SS Enterprises Ltd are seeking a license for the sale of alcohol off the premises at 25 Bryn Road, Cefn Fforest Blackwood, NP12 3LZ which was a former licensed premises by the way of a pub the Stonehouse Inn. The premises is located on a corner which is overlooked by residential premises and has a busy road junction directly outside of the premises and there are parking restrictions due to the busy road junction.</p> <p>The applicant during the application stage has indicated the Opening hours of the premises will be Mon-Sunday 0800-2300</p> <p>And the sale of alcohol to be</p> <p>Mon-Sunday 0800-2300</p>
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On the 11th of December 2023 the applicant Rouble Mann was spoken to during a visit at the premise by Pc2066 Jones/Pc1141 Taylor of Gwent Police Licensing Team and Kathryn Hopkins of Caerphilly County Council's Licensing Department.

The applicant has provided several conditions at the application stage that will promote the 4 licensing objectives. Gwent Police would advocate the re-wording of these and a small number of additional conditions that would support the applicant in the promotion of the licensing objectives.

What conditions could be added to the licence to remedy your representation that the Licensing Sub-Committee could take into account

The suggested conditions and variations to the license are as follows:

CCTV shall be in use at the premises.

(i) Where a CCTV system is to be installed, extended or replaced, it shall be to an appropriate standard as agreed with the Licensing Authority in consultation with the Police. Where a CCTV system is to be installed, it shall be fully operational.

(ii) The CCTV equipment shall be maintained in good working order and continually record when licensable activity takes place and for a period of two hours afterwards. The system shall also record clear images permitting the identification of individuals.

(iii) The premises licence holder shall ensure images from the CCTV are retained for a period of 31 days. This image retention period may be reviewed as appropriate by the Licensing Authority;

(iv) The correct time and date will be generated onto both the recording and the real time image screen;

(v) If the CCTV equipment (including any mobile units in use at the premises) breaks down the Premises Licence Holder shall ensure the designated premises supervisor, or in his/her absence other responsible person, verbally informs the Licensing Authority and the Police as soon as is reasonably practicable. This information shall be contemporaneously recorded in the incident report register and shall include the time, date and means this was done and to whom the information was reported. Equipment failures shall be repaired or replaced as soon as is reasonably practicable and without undue delay.

The Licensing Authority and the Police shall be informed when faults are rectified;

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(vi) The premise licence holder shall ensure that there are trained members of staff available during licensable hours to be able to reproduce and download CCTV images into a removable format at the request of any authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a constable;

(vii) There shall be clear signage indicating that CCTV equipment is in use and recording at the premises during the trading hours.

The applicant has proposed:

The premises shall operate a Challenge 25 Policy. Such policy shall be written down and kept at the premises. The policy shall be produced on demand of the Police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer the Local Authority/Council. Prominent, clear and legible signage (in not less than 32 font bold) shall also be displayed at all entrances to the premises as well as at, at least one location behind any counter advertising the scheme operated.

Gwent police would like this to be reworded to:

A Challenge 25 scheme will be adopted in compliance with the age verification condition: Customers who appear be under 25 years of age will be required to prove their age when purchasing alcohol. Suitable forms of identification will be a passport, 'Pass' card or other identification recognized by the licensing authority in its statement of licensing policy

(b)Publicity materials notifying customers of the operation of the Challenge 25 scheme shall be displayed at the premises, including a Challenge 25 sign of at least A5 size at the entrance to the premises and where practicable at each point of sale

The applicant has proposed:

A written register of Refusals will be kept including a description of the people who have been unable to provide

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required identification to prove their age. Such records shall be kept for a period of 12 months and will be collected by the Designated Premises Supervisor and produced to the police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer the Local Authority/Council on demand.

Gwent police would like this to be reworded to:

A written register of Refusals & Incidents will be kept including a description of the people who have been unable to provide required identification to prove their age. Such records shall be kept for a period of 12 months and will be collected by the Designated Premises Supervisor and produced to the police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer the Local Authority/Council on demand.

The applicant has proposed:

All staff engaged in the sale of alcohol to be trained in responsible alcohol retailing to the minimum standard of BIIAB level 1 or any equivalent training course within 1 month of commencing employment at the premises. Where there are existing staff this training shall be completed within 3 months of the date that this condition first appears on the licence. No person shall be authorised to sell or supply alcohol until this training is completed. Refresher training will be conducted at 12 monthly intervals. Training records shall be kept on the premises and produced to the police or an 'authorised person' (as defined by Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003) or an authorised Trading Standards Officer of the Local Authority/Council on demand.

Gwent Police would like the following added:

All training records shall be kept for 12 months

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The applicant has proposed:

DELIVERIES:

The person delivering the alcohol on behalf of the premises shall operate a Challenge 25 policy and shall require proof of age prior to the alcohol being handed over. No alcohol shall be handed over to a person under 18. The only acceptable proof of identity shall be a photographic driver's licence, a passport or an Identity Card containing the PASS Hologram. The website shall contain a declaration to this effect.

Gwent police would like this to be reworded to:

When customers place an order for alcohol, customers are asked to confirm that they are over the age of 18.

Customers will be advised at the time they place an order for alcohol that alcohol will only be delivered to the person who is named in the order, and they will be asked for evidence of their age to confirm that they are over the age of 18.

When a delivery driver takes alcohol to a customer's place of business and residency then they will ask the customer to provide the following forms of identification to prove that they are over the age of 18: a) Photographic driving licence; b) Passport; c) Card bearing the PASS hologram; d) Military Identification.

In the event that a delivery driver is unable to obtain identification from a customer, then the customer will be refused service of alcohol, and a record of that refusal will be made in writing or electronically and will include the following: a) Order reference number; b) Date of refusal; c) Reason for refusal; d) Identity of individual refusing the delivery.

Records of these refusals will be kept at the store for a period of 12 months in writing or electronically, together with

training records in respect of drivers who deliver alcohol to customers, regarding the prevention of underage sales. These

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	<p>records will be made available to the authorities upon request.</p> <p>Alcohol will never be left unattended at a place of delivery and will only ever be handed over to the person who has placed the order upon them providing evidence that they are over the age of 18.</p> <p>If the general public congregating outside the premises are causing anti-social behaviour, the management shall request that they leave, and if the problem persists the Police shall be called to support.</p> <p>Prominent, clear and legible signage (in not less than 32 font bold) shall be displayed at all exits to the premises requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises quietly</p> <p>Gwent Police would like the following condition added:</p> <p>There shall be no consumption of alcohol beverages purchased from the premises in open containers outside at the front of the premises.</p>
<p>Are you prepared to discuss these representations with the applicant by way of mediation?</p>	<p>Yes. The representations made are reasonable and appropriate. If the applicant agrees to the conditions as proposed, Gwent Police will withdraw their representations.</p>

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