

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY RESPONSE TO LICENSING APPLICATIONS

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY - Gwent Police

Name of Applicant	Premakanthan Nadarajah
Premises	Elliot Store, 54-56 Queens Rd, Elliotstown New Tredegar NP24 6DZ

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

Please outline the reasons for your Representations

The applicant Premakanthan Nadarajah is seeking a license to allow the sale of alcohol by way of an Off License at 54-56 Queens Rd, Elliotstown New Tredegar. The premises is a 3 storied building which was previously a licensed premises an ex-servicesmens club.

The applicant has submitted plans for the refurbishment of this building into a convenience store and the sale of alcohol. The premises is located in Queens Rd and is the end building of a Terraced Street with residential properties adjoining it and directly in front of the premise. The applicant is also the license holder and Designated Premises Supervisor at another licensed premises directly opposite the premises Elliots Stores which is licensed for Off Sales.

The applicant has stated that the premises will be trading Monday-Sunday 0700-2300 and the sale of alcohol to also be Monday-Sunday 0700-2300.

Gwent Police have carried out checks on their systems which show the area does not suffer from high crime or high levels of Anti-Social Behaviour.

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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:

The applicant has proposed:

CCTV Operation

Gwent police would like this to be reworded to:

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 by the day the licence is granted.
- (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;
- (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;

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- (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;
- (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) The system shall also record clear images permitting the identification of individuals.
- (viii) There shall be clear signage indicating that CCTV equipment is in use and recording at the premises during operating hours.

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Staff Training Regular

Gwent police would like this to be reworded to:

All staff to be trained in the prevention of underage sales to a level commensurate with their duties. All such training to be updated as necessary, for instances when legislation changes, and should include training on how to deal with difficult customers. The training should be clearly documented and signed and dated by both the trainer and the member of staff receiving it. The documentation shall be available for inspection on request by an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a constable. All records shall be kept for a period of 12 months.

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All staff are to be trained with respect to underage sales, such training to be updated as necessary when legislation changes and should include training in how to refuse sales to difficult customers. All records shall be kept for a period of 12 months.

All staff with a responsibility for supplying or selling alcohol shall be vigilant in preventing adults buying alcohol on behalf of persons who are under 18 and will refuse such sales where they suspect that this may be about to occur

The applicant has proposed:

Refusal Logs

Gwent police would like this to be reworded to:

The premises licence holder shall require the designated premises supervisor, or in his / her absence other responsible person, to keep an 'incident / refusals' logbook in a bound book in which full details of all incidents are recorded. This shall include details of any refused sales and shall give details of the persons involved, incident description, time and date, actions taken and final outcome of the situation. This shall be completed as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than the close of business on the day of the incident. The time and date when the report was completed, and by whom, is to form part of the entry. The logbook is to be kept on the premises at all times and shall be produced to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or a constable when required. All records shall be kept for a period of 12 months

The applicant has proposed:

ID Checks

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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 Under 18 Not Allowed to enter alcohol room In addition, Gwent Police would like to add the below conditions which would assist the applicant in promoting the licensing objectives: All customers will be asked to leave quietly. Clear and legible notices will be prominently displayed to remind customers to leave quietly and have regard to our neighbours There shall be no consumption of alcohol beverages purchased from the premises in open containers outside at the front of the premises Should customers be outside the premises causing congestion, loitering and/or causing Anti-Social Behaviour. The premises supervisor, manager or other competent person shall advise them to move away from the vicinity Are you prepared to discuss these Yes. The representations made are reasonable and appropriate. If the applicant agrees to the conditions as representations with the applicant by proposed, Gwent Police will withdraw their way of mediation? representations.

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