

Licensing Panel

Tuesday, 8 July 2008 10.00am

Present:

Cllr William Dyke (Chairman)

Cllrs: Greta Goatley
John Loughlin

Note: Cllr Leslie Hills was also in attendance

Christina Hills	Senior Licensing Officer
GurwinderAujla	Trainee Solicitor
Sue Hill	Committee & Elections Manager

Three Members of the local press

1. Declarations of interest

No declarations were made.

2. Bob's Stores, 71 Lower Higham Road, Gravesend

The Panel considered an application by Kent County Council Trading Standards for the review of the Premises Licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Bob's Stores, 71 Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, as a general store and off-licence.

The application sought to add the following conditions to the licence in order to assist with the prevention of the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18.

- (1) Mrs Karakus should be removed as Designated Premises Supervisor and replaced by a member of staff who holds a senior full time position in the shop and who is a personal licence holder;
- (2) a Challenge 21 policy should be introduced and publicised in store with use of sufficient notices for all potential purchasers to be aware of the policy;
- (3) the refusals register is to be completed every time a refusal is made to someone because they appear under 21 in a format agreed by Kent Trading Standards;
- (4) the refusals book should be checked and reviewed weekly by the Designated Premises Supervisor and a signature applied to the book to verify this;
- (5) there should be a written training procedure proportionate to the size of the business and number of staff with signatures gained from each member of

staff to confirm that they have been trained in relation to sales of age restricted goods. This training should include (but not limited to):-

- making all staff fully aware of a Challenge 21 policy;
 - training all staff on the use of a refusals book as described above.
- (6) when supervising the shop floor or serving customers, the internet must not be used on the till computer;
- (7) forms of identification which are to be acceptable as "proof of age" must be limited to a passport, driving licence (with photo) or "pass approved" proof of age card.

3. Determination

Having considered the information in the written report; the further evidence of Trading Standards as the responsible authority; the statement of the Licence Holder, including the acceptance of the conditions recommended; the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy; the statutory guidance of the Secretary of State, and having taken into account the licensing objective (namely the protection of children from harm) it was:-

Resolved that the conditions set out in 2 (1-7) above be attached to the Premises Licence.

Reason:

The fact that all of the conditions had been implemented since the failed test purchase and they had been accepted by the Licence Holder

Note: The Licence Holder was reminded of his right to appeal to the Magistrates Court against the decision within 21 days of it being made.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 11.06 am.