

Please accept this email as a police representation in respect of the application for the grant of a premises licence at the above named premises.

The application has been submitted by Zakopane Torquay Ltd. Companies House shows that the sole director of this company is Mr Salah Said Hassan. Mr Hassan has also been nominated as the DPS.

Premises:

Between November 2017 and March 2019 there was a premises licence in force at this premises. However, it was revoked following a Review of the licence by the licensing sub-committee following the seizure of a substantial quantity of non-duty paid tobacco, cigarettes and alcohol by HMRC. In fact this seizure consisted of 478,120 cigarettes, 137 kgs of hand rolling tobacco and 181.3 litres of vodka.

Location of Premises:

The premises are situated within the Torbay Council Cumulative Impact Area, which is an area that has been identified as being subject to high levels of alcohol related crime and public nuisance. The area is also covered by a Public Space Protection Order, which prohibits the consumption of alcohol in public spaces.

Furthermore, there are issues within the Town Centre in relation to street drinkers, who are linked to anti-social behaviour whilst under the influence of alcohol. Due to the concerns in relation to the sale of high strength beer/lager/cider within the Town Centre area, a Reducing the Strength Campaign is in place, with numerous premises in the area being prohibited from selling products with an abv of more than 6%, and they also cannot sell single cans or bottles.

The Torbay Council Licensing Statement of Principles 2016-2021 supports the introduction of measures to limit the supply of high strength products and references to this can be found at paragraph 1.15 on page 9, paragraph 3.1 (viii) on page 16 and the first paragraph on page 39.

Due to the location of this premises the police request that the below conditions are imposed on the licence:

- 1) No super strength beers, lagers or ciders of 6.1% or above shall be sold from the premises.
- 2) Multi-packs of beers, lagers or ciders will not be split up, and must be sold in original packaging or in quantities of at least 4.
- 3) A map of the Public Space Protection Order shall be displayed in a prominent position close to the point of sale and at the premises exits, together with a notice advising customers not to consume alcohol in the identified area.
- 4) Staff shall advise customers that alcohol should not be consumed within the Public Space Protection Order area and refer them to the Public Space Protection Order map.

The Applicant and DPS:

In relation to Mr Salah Said Hassan, the sole director of Zakopane Torquay Ltd, and the proposed DPS, the police have concerns in relation to his suitability to manage a licensed premises. However at the current time we are not able to disclose any further information in relation to this matter as we are awaiting responses to our enquiries. Once we are in a position to disclose this information, we will serve this upon yourself and the applicant as soon as possible and in advance of the hearing.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Julie Smart

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