

To: Devi Cash and Carry,
Unit 1-2, 52a Ealing Road,
London HA0 4TQ

LICENSING ACT 2003

Licence: Premises Licence New Application

Reference: 30418

Applicant: Mr Iyathurai Kanan, 3 Langton Road, Harrow, London, HA3 6QN

Premises: DEVI CASH AND CARRY, 52A Ealing Road, Wembley, Brent, HA0 4TQ

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Dear Sir, Madam,

Licensing Representation to application for the new Premises Licence for 'DEVI CASH AND CARRY, 52A Ealing Road, Wembley, Brent, HA0 4TQ.

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make a representation that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

An officer of the Licensing Authority, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made for a new premises licence under section 17 of the Act.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the four licensing objectives.

- the prevention of crime and disorder.
- public safety.
- the prevention of public nuisance.
- the protection of children from harm.

The Application: The application is for an existing retail store, proposing to be a grocery convenience store situated on a main road along a parade of other businesses. Opening hours are from 8 am to 11 pm and sell groceries, lottery, parcel services, soft drinks, confectionary and Alcohol for OFF sales. In addition to this the venue falls within one of Brent's ten CIZs – link below.

www.brent.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/alcohol-club-and-entertainment-licences/premises-licence#ciz

Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ)

The Council's current Licensing Policy came into effect 7th January 2020. Crime and complaints assessments in 2015, did not identify any requirement for a CIZs. However, since 2016 there has been a significant and notable increase in alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour which is having an adverse impact in some areas and neighbourhoods generating complaints from residents, councillors, and the Police. This is undermining the licensing objectives and also has potential to undermine the vitality of Brent's town centres.

Data captured from various sources including alcohol related police and ambulance call outs have been mapped and have shown suitable evidence to implement CIZs in the specified areas. Although the CIZ are designed for alcohol licensed venues it illustrates the crime levels in this part of Brent which is why the CIZ's were introduced. .

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

The entire Borough of Brent is subject to a Public Space Protection Order for street drinking and therefore it is an offence to drink alcohol in any public place.

If a police force officer reasonably believes that a person is, or has been, consuming intoxicating liquor within these areas, the officer may require the person concerned:

- a) not to consume in that place anything which is, or which the officer reasonably believes to be, intoxicating liquor
- b) to surrender anything in his/her possession which is, or which the officer reasonably believes to be, intoxicating liquor or a container for such liquor (other than a sealed container)
- c) An officer may dispose of anything surrendered to him/her as above.
- d) Issue fixed penalty notices on offenders
- e) Prosecute persistent offenders

However, in reality there are limited police officer resources, which in practice would prevent the above from being enforced. This therefore places a greater emphasis on the responsibility of those premises that are selling alcohol for consumption off the premises. It is clear that if off licences did not exist, the number of street drinkers would decline. Therefore, simply selling alcohol to customers who once off the premises, are no longer the responsibility of the licence holder, the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and/or members of staff is no longer a viable option.

Premises Licence Application.

Operational Plan, Training Manual & Conditions

According to Section M of the application form, the applicant mentions that they have read and understood the Licensing Policy and proposes various conditions.

The Licensing Authority would expect to see information on how the business plans to ensure that their particular premises will go above and beyond in promoting the licensing objectives in a crime hot spot.

Safeguarding the Local Area

The Statement of Licensing Policy lists considerations to be made when applying for a new premises licence, particularly those considerations relating to street drinking.

However, there are no specific conditions that are mentioned in the application to address the likes of such things outside of the premises that could be directly linked back to the premises. This includes items such as the clearing up of litter which may be left outside the premises by customers, the labelling of alcohol with the premises name in order to link street drinkers back to the premises or measures to discourage street drinkers from loitering outside the premises.

As per Brent Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, a voluntary offering of a ban on high strength alcohol sales does not necessarily address the requirements under a Cumulative Impact Zone.

Summary

The Statement of Licensing Policy states that any licence application in a CIZ area will need to demonstrate with evidence that its operation will not add to any cumulative impacts that the CIZ is seeking to address. Further, new applicants and those applying for variations would be required to demonstrate how their premises will not contribute negatively to those areas.

The effect of adopting a CIZ is to "create a rebuttable presumption" that applications for licences which are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused (or subject to certain limitations) unless the applicant can demonstrate that there will be no negative cumulative impact on the licensing objectives.

The operating schedule fails to demonstrate that a grant will not lead to a negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives and to the contrary add to the issues of an existing saturated area.

It is on this basis, that the Licensing Authority ask that the application for a new premises licence is **refused**.

If the committee however decide that there is sufficient evidence to the contrary, the Licensing Authority would ask that the following conditions be added to the operating schedule.

The Licensing Authority require the following points to be included in the operating schedule or added as conditions on the premises licence:

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and authorised Officers from Brent Council.
2. The CCTV system shall be capable of obtaining clear facial recognition images and a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering or leaving the premises.

3. A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover the entrance to the premises and further cameras to cover the entire server area and till.
4. A member of staff shall always be present on the premises whilst they are open who is capable operating the CCTV system and able to facilitate immediate viewing of CCTV footage upon the request of the Police and Authorised Officer of the Licensing Authority.
5. Promotions that encourage irresponsible drinking shall not be permitted.
6. A "Challenge 25" policy shall be adopted and adhered to at all times.
7. A sign stating "No proof of age – No sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.
8. A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from the outside of each entrance to the premises.
9. Any staff directly involved in selling alcohol for retail to consumers, staff who provide training and all managers will undergo regular training (every 12 months) of Licensing Act 2003 legislation. This will be documented and signed for by the DPS and the member of staff receiving the training. This training log shall be kept on the premises and made available for inspection by police and relevant authorities upon request.
10. Outside of the hours authorised for the sale of alcohol, all alcohol within the trading area is to be secured behind locked grills, locked screens, or locked cabinet doors so as to prevent access to the alcohol by customers or staff.
11. All alcoholic drinks shall be clearly labelled or marked with the name of the premises.
12. A notice asking Customers to leave quietly from the premises shall be displayed by the exit/entrance.
13. A single incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available for inspection on request to an authorised officer of Brent Council or the Police, which will record the following:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (b) all ejections of patrons
 - (c) any complaints received
 - (d) any incidents of disorder
 - (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - (f) any faults in the CCTV system
 - (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
14. No high strength beers, lagers, and ciders above 5.5% ABV shall be stocked or sold at the premises.
15. No single cans of beer, larger or cider be sold.

16. No Miniature bottles of wine, spirits in units less than 35cl shall be stocked or sold at the premises.
17. A clear and unobstructed view into the premises shall be maintained at all times.
18. Invoices are to be produced to Police, a member of an appropriate authority or council officers upon request to evidence payment of duty on goods.
19. All deliveries shall take place during the normal working day (i.e., 09:00 to 18:00 daily).
20. A lockable safe with deposit slot and anti-fishing mechanisms must be used at the counter till area in order to prevent crime.
21. A suitable intruder alarm and panic button shall be fitted and maintained.
22. A personal licence holder shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.
23. All alcoholic drinks shall be clearly labelled or marked with the name of the premises.
24. An electronic till prompt should be used for all alcohol sales.

Yours Sincerely

Mohammed Serdouk

Licensing Enforcement Officer

Brent Council