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**Police Representation to the application for a premises licence review application for
'Bacovia Supermarket' 296 Neasden Lane, NW10 0AD**

Officer: Nicola McDonald
PC 157QK Licensing Constable

An officer of the Metropolitan Police, 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.

Dear Sir/Madam

On Tuesday 12th April 2011 at 0930 hours I was on foot patrol in plain clothes in Neasden Lane, NW10. As I was walking past Bavovia Supermarket, 296 Neasden lane I notice the visibility in to the shop was obscured in the front window by a large amount of advertising cards. As I took a closer look I saw a vast amount were glossy, coloured, professionally produced fliers promoting the services of female masseurs and private escorts. I entered the shop and approached the serving counter. There was one white female with long fair hair working alone in the shop. I saw alcohol on display for sale. I introduced myself and showed this female my warrant card. I asked to see the premises licence as it was not visible in the shop. This female could not speak English and therefore could not assist me. I had recently being dealing with the sister shop in Cricklewood Broadway and knew the shop owner was Mr Mihai Lupes. I asked the female if I could speak with Mr Lupes and was he in the shop. Her understanding of English was so poor she just shook her head. I asked if she was a personal licence holder and she shrugged her shoulders. In my opinion, if I was a customer this female would not have been able to challenge me in relation to licensing legislation.

On returning to the Police Station I telephoned Mr Lupes on the mobile number I had for him 07872320809 and left a voice male. It took several weeks to eventually speak direct to Mr Lupes and an appointment was made for a meeting.

On 18th May 2011 Mr Lupes, the premises licence holder, attended Wembley Police Station in company with Mr Daniel Stefura, the designated premises supervisor.

I explained to them what I had experienced during my visit to the shop on 12th April and pointed out the following breaches of the premises licence conditions:

A Clear and unobstructed view into the premises shall be maintained at all times
A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted shall be visible from outside each entrance of the premises.
A personal licence holder fluent in English shall be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.

I made clear to both males that the amount and type of fliers I had seen displayed in the front window of the shop was inappropriate. Mr Stefura declared that he did not work full time in the shop, that he worked in the shop 3 or 4 times a week and also did a driving job and building work when it was available. I explained to both parties that I did not expect Mr Stefura to be in the shop all the time, but when he was not at the shop a personal licence holder fluent in English must be. In general the supervision of the shop had to improve in order to uphold the licensing objectives.

Police have not received any further applications in relation to 296 Neasden Lane and therefore Mr Lupes was the premises licence holder and Mr Stefura the designated premises supervisor at the time of the incidents referred to in the review application. From the disturbing evidence in the review application it would appear these males did not act on Police advice. Police have reservations as to the suitability to either of these males continuing to operate this licensed premise in accordance with the licensing objectives.

I reserve the right to add any further evidence that may come to light between now and the hearing.

Yours Sincerely

Nicola McDonald PC 157QK
Licensing Constable
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