

**IN THE MATTER OF LICENSING ACT 2003
REVIEW OF LICENCE OF 200A Lyon Park Avenue, HA0 4HG**

**STATEMENT OF
AHMED AZIZ**

I, AHMED Aziz of 107 Kingley Road, South Harrow, HA2 8LF, make this statement in support to resist the application to review the premises licence for the premises at 200A Lyon Park Avenue, HA0 4HG

I have held the lease of the property at 200A Lyon Park Avenue, HA0 4HG, for several years and has known this shop to be existing since 1969. I have, am and always will be committed to working hard, fully observing my legal obligations in growing my business.

I acknowledge the fact that on the 23rd October 2015, Officers attended 200A Lyon Park Avenue, HA0 4HG, where they found Mr PRAJABATI who sublet the premises and is also the DPS not conforming to the Licensing objectives.

I have taken into consideration PC SULLIVAN's accounts of events and all the intelligence gathered and have had a meeting with Mr PRAJABATI in regards to the various flaws in operating procedures.

Based on the conditions put forward by the Police and in pursuance of best practice, I have made some considerable and costly changes to the premises with the help of a licensing consultant appointed to enhance our operation and to ensure that there are no future licensing breaches.

As per Police recommendation we have agreed to and adopted the following, paying attention to condition 6 where I feel it will be detrimental to the business and would like the Committee to consider our proposed condition.

1 CCTV has been installed to home office guidance standards and maintained in good working condition and recordings will be kept for 31 days and will be made available to police and authorised officers from Brent Council.

2 CCTV Camera has been installed to cover the entrance of the premises.

3 A sign stating "No proof of age-No sale" is displayed at the point of sale and made more visible.

4 A “Challenge 25” is already in place and adhered to, the signage has also been made more visible.

5 A refusal book detailing date and time of the refused sale and the name of the person refusing the sale is kept and maintained and made available for inspection.

6 No high strength beers, lagers and ciders above 6.0 % ABV will be stocked with exception of “**“ DESPERADOS, FOREIGN GUINNESS& DRAGON STOUT “**”

7 An incident log is 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

8 A copy of the premises licence summary including the hours which licensable activities are permitted will be visible from the outside of each entrance to the premises.

9 A personal licence holder will be present on the premises and supervise the sale of alcohol throughout the permitted hours for the sale of alcohol.

10 No single cans or bottles of beer or cider will be sold.

11 No miniature bottles of spirit will be sold.

12 A clear and unobstructed view into the premises will be maintained at all times.

Please note that additional signage has been put in place, see exhibits provided.

Following a meeting with my consultant, we have come to the conclusion that as per condition number 6 :

No high strength beers, lagers and ciders above 6.0 % ABV will be stocked with exception of specialist brands “DESPERADOS, FOREIGN GUINNESS& DRAGON STOUT”

We would like the members of the committee to consider the exception of the 3 specialist beers mentioned as they give us from a business point of view some bargaining power over the competitors nearby. We believe if no such option was available, it would restrict our

choice of product supplied to our customers. In the light of the events, I agreed with the police that a change of DPS is necessary as Mr PRAJABATI, has failed in his duty of promoting the licencing objectives.

Please note, members of the committee that the improvement made to the premises came with financial ties. Having taken into consideration about concerns that the front of the premises became a meeting point for locals, I have taken the proactive step to put up a barrier thus preventing any conglomeration in front of the shop window.

I would therefore ask the Members of the committee to consider my goodwill into promoting the Licencing objectives and preventing any further breaches prior to any decision being implemented.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____