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Police representation to the application for a new Premises Licence for Alric Food and Wine, 1a Alric Avenue, Harlesden London NW10 8RB.

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make representations that the likely effect of the grant of the application is detrimental to the licensing objectives for the reasons indicated below.

Officer: **Paul Whitcomb PC 782QK**

Brent Borough Police 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.

The application has been made for a new premises licence under section 17 of the act. The Police representations are primarily concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder.

Alric Food and Wine store based at 1a Alric Avenue, NW10 has had a long history of issues. The premises licence was reviewed by Brent Council's licensing committee following an application being submitted by the Metropolitan Police back in mid 2016. As a result of this, the licensing committee decided to revoke the premises licence. The licence holder appealed the decision but on 27th September 2016, the licence holder decided to withdraw the appeal and the licence subsequently revoked. At the time, the licence holder and DPS was Mr. Ganesalingam RAMANATHAN.

On 2nd December 2016, Mr. Veerasingham THARMAVATHYNAN submitted a new premises licence application to the London Borough of Brent.

On 19th December 2016 PC Sullivan, PS Riley and I met with the new applicant, Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN. He attended with his licensing consultant, Mr. Panchal from Personal Licence Courses Ltd. The applicant told me that he lives in Bromley, Kent. He also proposes to become the DPS himself. From the outset I was concerned because realistically, is it really viable for someone to travel from Bromley in Kent to Harlesden everyday to have 'day to day control of the business' as per the licensing guidelines expected of a responsible DPS? I would suggest not. Further, I have conducted a voters check on the address in Bromley which he supplied to me and it does not show him as residing at this address.

Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN then went on to tell me that he has nothing to do with the previous licence holders. He said that he will be running the shop and his business partner is his sister who he named as Mrs. Thayarubiny GANESALINGHAM. He gave me her full address, which is in Harrow, Middlesex. He told me that his sister had been working in the shop for the past two months.

Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN then handed me some documents to examine. The first document was a letter, addressed to his sister, at the address in Harrow which he earlier supplied me. The letter was from Courtney Smith & Co Solicitors and was in relation to the purchase of 1a Alric Avenue, Harlesden. As this point, I have become extremely suspicious because the letter is dated 20th April 2016. This is a lot longer than two months as Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN suggested that his sister had been involved with 1a Alric Avenue. I attach this document and for ease of finding, I have referenced it as document PAW/1.

Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN then produced to me the refusal log that he intended to use once the licence was up and running. The log appeared to have already been in use. I noted one entry dated 12/05/2016. The entry had been signed by a 'Mrs. GANESALINGAM'. Again, for ease of finding, I have documented this document as PAW/2.

I suspect that Mrs. Thayarubiny Ganesalingam has been working at Alric Food and Wine under the previous management of Mr. Ganesalingam RAMANATHAN and a lot longer than the two months suggested by Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN. I suggested this to Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN but he told me that he had been working in Brighton so didn't really know.

Later, I carried out a voters check on the Harrow address supplied to me by Mr. THARMAVATHYNAN for his business partner Mrs. Thayarubiny GANESALINGHAM. The address check shows that Mrs. Ganesalingam resides at exactly the same address as the previous licence holder and DPS, Mr. Ganesalingam RAMANATHAN. I strongly suspect that the new applicant is simply acting on behalf of the previous licence holder and DPS. The shop was previously run extremely poorly, which led to its licence being revoked. As such, the grant of this new application would undermine the licensing objectives. Police respectfully request that this application is refused.

Paul Whitcomb PC 782QK

Licensing Constable for
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