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Subject: 2024/02120/LAPR - 143 Askew Road

Importance: High

Dear Lorna,

Please take this email as a representation from the Licensing Authority in relation to the new premises licence application made by Mr Mandeep Singh Bhatia at 143 Askew Road, W12 9AU

We have concerns that there is a direct link to the current licence holder at this premises (Mr Subir Singh Bhatia). This licence is in the process of being reviewed due to a number of underage sales at the premises.

We feel that the irresponsible management of the premises will continue if a new licence is granted to Mr Mandeep Singh Bhatia, and that the crime and disorder licensing objective will also continue to be undermined.

Further information on this representation will be provided in due course.

Kind regards

Adrian

Adrian Overton
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 January 2025 10:56

To: Mckenna Lorna: H&F <Lorna.Mckenna@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: With reference to new licence application at 143 Askew Road which has been made by Mandeep Singh Bhatia : 2024/02120/LAPR.

Good Morning Lorna,

New licence application at 143 Askew Road which has been made by Mandeep Singh Bhatia : [2024/02120/LAPR](#).

I have been made aware an additional license has been applied for under a different name, however, I am concerned that this new license being applied for has links to the current license holders and therefore I have the very same concerns with regards the selling of Alcohol to minors and not adhering to any of the precautions and safety measures required.

I attach the account below of the afternoon my daughter was a victim of such a sale.

RE: Incident Sunday 27th October 2024- Alcohol being sold to minors - Askew Road

I fully support the review submitted by the licensing Authority to revoke Newmart's License to sell alcohol or any tobacco products. Sadly my daughter was a victim of Newsmart in underage selling of Alcohol and vapes and ended up in a critical condition in hospital.

On Sunday 27th October at approximately 3pm my daughter ([REDACTED]) and four of her friends ([REDACTED]) went into Newsmart and bought a bottle of vodka and two vapes. At no point were they asked for any ID or questioned in any way. 30 minutes later they went back in and bought a further bottle of Vodka. They were clearly underage and look like 13 and 14yr olds.

They then proceeded to drink the Vodka and smoke the Vapes which resulted in four ambulances being called and three children in particular, (including my daughter who is [REDACTED]) passed out. When the ambulance came my daughter was already in a partial shut down and her blood pressure was dangerously low, one of the other girls was Tachycardia and passed out. We were blue lighted to the hospital, on our way we had to pull over as my daughter's blood pressure dropped again and they had to pull it back up before carrying onto the hospital.

On arrive at A and E, Chelsea and Westminster, they were unable to get a line in her as she was so dehydrated and in a partial shutdown. She required a heat blanket, fluids and it took her 8 hours to come around.

As a result of this and as a mother of three I can honestly say it was one of my darkest days in parenting and the experience has deeply shaken me. My daughter as a result is traumatised by her experience and the horror she inadvertently put us as her family through. I don't hear a siren or look at an ambulance and not remember that night.

The Newsmart should not be able to continue to sell alcohol or tobacco products whilst not adhering to basic safeguarding of our children and teenagers. They have a reputation amongst the local schools for being easy to buy such items underage. The girls in question have witnessed in the past other children of a similar age procure with no question vapes and vodka.

I hope this supports the review of the above licence.

Please can you ensure my name and any personal information is redacted from this email so my daughter and I remain anonymous. We live locally and need to ensure my child's safety.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 January 2025 11:20

To: Mckenna Lorna: H&F <Lorna.Mckenna@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: With reference to new licence application at 143 Askew Road which has been made by Mandeep Singh Bhatia : 2024/02120/LAPR.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 January 2025 09:04

To: Cllr Umeh Mercy: H&F <Mercy.Umeh@lbhf.gov.uk>; Cllr Qayyum Zarar: H&F <Zarar.Qayyum@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Newsmart application to review licence - new application

Dear Mercy and Zarar

I write to you as Chair and councillor of the Licensing committee as I wish to make a representation to application : [2024/02120/LAPR](#).

There are concerns that the new licence holder at 143 Askew Road, Mandeep Singh Bhatia may have a direct connection to the previous licence holder. I have serious concerns if this is to be granted due to an incident that occurred on 27th October 2024 concerning children of ages 13 and 14 in our community, being sold vodka and vapes and ending up with 3 minors in a serious way unconscious in Chelsea and Westminster hospital.

Please see below the outline of this incident. I hope this supports the review of this new licence.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On Sunday 27th October at around 3-3:30pm 5 young girls aged 13 and 14 (including my daughter) went into Newsmart and bought a bottle of vodka and two vapes. At no point were they asked for any ID or questioned in any way. 30 minutes later they went back in and bought a further bottle of Vodka. They counted out their change in front of the shop attendant and paid for the 2nd bottle with coins. They were clearly underage and look like 13 and 14yr olds.

The 5 girls drank the Vodka and smoked the Vapes which resulted in four ambulances being called and three children in particular, being blue-lighted to hospital as they had passed out. When the paramedics came into the house one girl was already in a partial shut down and her blood pressure was dangerously low, one of the other girls was Tachycardia and passed out. 3 girls were taken to Chelsea and Westminster where they were cared for for 8 hours until 2 of the girls came round. It was a horrific experience.

The Newsmart should not be able to continue to sell alcohol or tobacco products; they have a local reputation amongst the secondary schools that they will sell both alcohol and vapes without asking for any form of identification. They are clearly not adhering to basic safeguarding of our children and teenagers. My daughter was coming home from school just before Christmas and after the event on October 27th and some girls in her school year went into Newsmart and bought several vapes - they are clearly still behaving and selling products to children such as vapes and vodka.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 January 2025 13:12

To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Newsmart application to review licence - new application

Dear Lorna McKenna

My details are

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Kind regards

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