

Sent: 20 March 2025 15:15

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

Cc: Mckenna Lorna: H&F <Lorna.Mckenna@lbhf.gov.uk>; Barrett Sophia: H&F <Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk>; Overton Adrian: H&F <Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk>; Masini Bill: H&F <Bill.Masini@lbhf.gov.uk>; AWMailbox-LicensingFH@met.police.uk

Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - Reference: 2025/00216/LAPR:- Police Objection.

Good Afternoon Licensing,

In relation to this application, the Metropolitan Police do not object to the amendment of the hours of licensable activity, however the Police **do object** to condition 10 being removed from the premises licence. The objection is on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and also the prevention of public nuisance.

The Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham has a significant problem with street drinkers and a tried and tested method to prohibit street drinkers from purchasing specific alcohol is the addition of this condition to a premises licence.

The Local Safer Neighbourhood team have confirmed and evidenced that there is a significant street drinker issue in the vicinity of this premises.

The last part of this condition refers to a list of premium beers and ciders over 5.5%abv being sold if agreed by the Police.

On Friday the 21st of February 2025, the Police agreed a list of seven products that the premises could sell with the DPS, Ms. Ruth Knaggs and this was documented on an email, however PC Kris Cardwell attended the premises on Wednesday the 5th of March and the premises were offering for sale fourteen products over 5,5% abv that had not been agreed, ten of these were brands well known to be purchased by street drinkers. This was a clear breach of condition 10 on the premises licence.

The Police are absolutely of the opinion that if this condition were to be removed, this premises would sell specific products regularly purchased by street drinkers and this would contribute to the anti-social behaviour caused by street drinkers and as such have a detrimental effect on the quality of lives of residents and the local community.

The Police will submit further evidence prior to a hearing date.

Kind regards,

Kris Cardwell.

From: Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk <Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk> **On**
Behalf Of AWMailbox-LicensingFH@met.police.uk
Sent: 28 March 2025 07:36
To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>
Cc: Mckenna Lorna: H&F <Lorna.Mckenna@lbhf.gov.uk>;
Nicole.Sondh@met.police.uk; AWMailbox-LicensingFH@met.police.uk
Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 - Reference: 2025/00216/LAPR:- Police Objection.

Good Morning Licensing,

Further to my initial email on the 20th of March 2025 objecting to this application, I have attached the following three documents:-

Appendix 1:- Statement from PC Jamie WOODS detailing the issues with street drinkers in the vicinity of the premises.

Appendix 2:- Email from the Police confirming which products can be sold 21.02.2025.

Appendix 3:- Email between Police and the DPS confirming breach of licence 05.03.2025.

Kind regards,

Kris.

Kris Cardwell
Police Constable 3286AW
Licensing Officer - Hammersmith and Fulham (Central West BCU)
Metropolitan Police Service

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: PC James Woods

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Date: 03/03/2025

I have written this statement in response to an application to change licensing conditions at PLANET PLENTY, 123-125 WANDSWORTH BRIDGE RD, SW6 2TS.

I have completed this statement on my own at FULHAM NPT PATROL BASE.

I am the above named person. I am Dedicated Ward Officer for SANDS END ward. I have been a Police Constable with the Metropolitan Police Service since MARCH 2022. My shoulder number is 3879AW.

I have been notified by licensing officer PC Kris CARDWELL that the owners of PLANET PLENTY, 123-125 WANDSWORTH BRIDGE RD, SW6 2TS have applied to have a condition of their licence removed, namely a condition to prohibit the sale of high strength alcohol at the premises.

I have not had reason to visit PLANET PLENTY personally, however in my capacity as ward officer for SANDS END I am aware of some reports of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) linked to this location which I will make reference to below, taking information from police systems.

On 9th SEPTEMBER 2024 a member of the public reported to police that the shopkeeper of PLANET PLENTY threatened him with a metal pole that he retrieved from behind the counter.

On 10th MAY 2024, a report was made by staff at PLANET PLENTY in regards to an incident in the shop. Two (2) males entered the store and took five (5) detergent bottles from the shelves. When staff noticed they challenged the males, and one of the males lunged at the staff with a knife. This incident was reported on 3rd JUNE 2024. This investigation was closed following a lack of support from the owners of PLANET PLENTY.

Personally, in my capacity as a ward officer, I am concerned by the prospect of PLANET PLENTY being able to sell high strength alcohol. There are established links between both people with alcohol dependencies and the homeless community with high strength alcohol. I am concerned that if high strength alcohol is available at PLANET PLENTY this may lead to an increase in alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the local area.

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by Signature:


Continuation of Statement of:

We already have street drinkers frequently congregating outside Sainsbury's on TOWNMEAD ROAD which is within walking distance of PLANET PLENTY. There is some low level ASB associated with this group. Similarly, there are often street drinkers outside IMPERIAL WHARF STATION, though this is some distance from PLANET PLENTY.

We have frequently come across street drinkers and alcohol paraphernalia in WILLIAM PARNELL PARK recently, with associated littering etc, which is spoiling a public park popular with families. WILLIAM PARNELL PARK is a 3 minute walk from PLANET PLENTY.

Additionally, given the incident on 10th MAY 2024 involving staff being threatened with a knife, I am somewhat surprised PLANET PLENTY are applying for this licence change. The people shoplifters on 10th MAY 2024 were from the homeless community. I would be concerned that high strength alcohol being available at PLANET PLENTY might encourage further incidents of shoplifting which may put staff at risk.



Witness Signature: 

Signature Witnessed by Signature:

From: [Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU](#)
To: [Ruth Knaggs](#)
Cc: [AW Mailbox - Licensing FH](#)
Subject: RE: Possible drinks for sale at 123-125 WBR
Date: 21 February 2025 14:32:37
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hi Ruth,

The condition is an agreement with the Police so the Local Authority don't need to be informed.

Keep a copy of this email to hand so if any member of the Local Authority attends and conducts a licensing inspection, you have proof of the products you are able to sell.

If you need anything further then please just ask.

Have a nice weekend,

All the best,

Kris.

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From: Ruth Knaggs [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 February 2025 14:29
To: Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU <Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk>
Subject: Re: Possible drinks for sale at 123-125 WBR

Sorry, me again

You or I don't need to write to LBHF to inform them about what we agreed?

And I don't need my licence adjusted?

Thanks
Ruth

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Feb 2025, at 11:53, Ruth Knaggs [REDACTED] > wrote:

Ok, that's clear

Thanks for you time

Ruth

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Feb 2025, at 11:13, Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk wrote:

Hi Ruth,

Yes you can sell the products agreed in my last email and you don't need to update your licence.

Any shop that sells specific products to street drinkers cannot possibly monitor what they do when they leave the premises. The only way of addressing the street drinker issue is to impose the 5.5%abv condition on beers, lagers, ciders and stouts. The fact that you are able to sell specific products above 5,5% in agreement with the Police is rare and not a condition that the Police would any longer agree to.

If you want to apply to have this condition removed then you can apply to the Local Authority and request this via a full variation to the premises licence. The Police would object to this condition being removed and therefore the request would go to a licensing hearing and a Licensing Sub Committee would make the decision.

Kind regards,

Kris.

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From: Ruth Knaggs [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 February 2025 10:30
To: Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU <Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk>
Subject: Re: Possible drinks for sale at 123-125 WBR

Thanks Kris

1) Can I order these ones in then ?

2) Do I need an updated licence for this? Or does your e mail suffice ?

As section 10 says :

3) I still disagree that we would cause trouble by having the others.

If WE can't sell them responsibly, then no where can - they should just be illegal !

A lot of 'nice' shops have closed down in our area - Planet Organic, Whole Foods are two of the big ones and only places that have a broader appeal survive. The florists opposite had to close, Neptune is only hanging on by the skin of its teeth. I personally hate selling vapes and Fray Bentos pies, but we are a community , local shop and we need to appeal to that community to survive .

So i do see this decision as anti business . If we were a shop that serviced just loads of street drinkers I'd understand as I'd hate to be the cause of disorderly behaviour. But that will never be our shop.

We have already been struck with the council's anti business decision to make it impossible to visit shops on Wandsworth Bridge Road because of their confusing CCTV CAN scheme. So we are trying to increase revenue wherever we can.

Is there any process of appeal?

Many thanks

Ruth

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Feb 2025, at 07:08,
Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk wrote:

Hi Ruth,

Many thanks for sending this list over, unfortunately a significant number of these products are regularly purchased by street drinkers.

Having policed Hammersmith and Fulham for 27 years, I disagree that the sale of these products would not contribute to the ongoing issues across the borough that street drinkers can create. As is stated during our conversation, street drinkers gather in and around South Park and a significant amount of work is being done with the community and businesses to address this issue.

The Metropolitan Police agree to the sale of the following products:-

Elusive Brewing , Double Oregon Trail 8 % £5.99

Elusive Brewing Double Black IPA 8 % £5.99

Wiper and True KaleiDipa 8.4% £4.99

Wiper and True unfair game 6.2% £4.99

Leffe Blonde 6 % £2.99

Dipa Docus couple IPA 7.5 % £2.99

Double Joker 8.3% William bros £3.50

All the best,

Kris.

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From: Ruth Knaggs [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 February 2025 16:19
To: Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU
<Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk>
Subject: Possible drinks for sale at 123-125 WBR

Hi Kris,

Thanks so much for your time yesterday.
As requested , here is the proposed list.

I'd like to re iterate that we get a lot of 'posh'
customers but also customers from the estate who
used to come to the shop when it was Freshco . It is
those 'old time' customers we are trying to serve.

The outside of our shop will NOT attract new 'street
drinkers'. Customers are often shocked we sell
tobacco because it doesn't look like a place that
would.

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So I'm confident we would not attract vast numbers
of street drinkers.

This shop sold these items for 30 years, my husband
himself worked at this shop when it was Freshco , 20

years ago , and there were never the problems you outlined on the phone with street drinking , violence etc.

We are also EXPENSIVE , so we would not attract people from distances to buy these drinks.

I attach the price we'd sell at to help you understand how attractive or not these would be to street drinkers.

I hope you can see that our shop is quite unique in what it offers and is not the sort of place there will be problems :

Elusive Brewing , Double Oregan Trail 8 % £5.99

Elusive Brewing Double Black IPA 8 % £5.99

Wiper and True KaleiDipa 8.4% £4.99

Wiper and True unfair game 6.2% £4.99

Kestrel Super Premium Lager 9% £4.50

Leffe Blonde 6 % £2.99

White star 7.5% £2.99

Dipa Docus couple IPA 7.5 % £2.99

Tenet Super 7.5% £3.99

Double Joker 8.3% William bros £3.50

Skar Super 8 % £3.99

K Cider 7.5% £2.99

White storm 7.5 % PM £1.29

Black Storm 7.5% PM £1.25

(the last 2 are too cheap I think , but they are price marked), but maybe ok as our shop isn't the sort of place that will attract trouble for all the reasons outlined above.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this.

Best wishes
Ruth

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To: [Ruth Knaggs](#)
Cc: [AW Mailbox - Licensing FH](#); [Sondh Nicole K - AW-CU](#); [O'Brien Gareth - AW-CU](#)
Subject: RE: Do ask for me tomorrow
Date: 06 March 2025 11:56:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hi Ruth,

Many thanks for your email.

We appear to be going round in circles in relation to the street drinkers issue. Planet Plenty have been selling products that are regularly purchased by street drinkers and were continuing to do so yesterday even though these products have not been agreed with the Metropolitan Police. On the 21st of February 2025 we agreed that Planet Plenty could sell the following products:-

Elusive Brewing , Double Oregon Trail 8 % £5.99

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I visited the premises yesterday (05.03.2025 at 15:35) and the premises had the following fourteen products on display for sale, none of these products have been agreed by the Metropolitan Police. **This is a clear breach of condition 10 on the premises licence.** It is very well evidenced that eleven of these products are regularly purchased by street drinkers, so I find it difficult to understand that you believe that Planet Plenty is not contributing to the street drinker issue. In my opinion, by selling these products, Planet Plenty is absolutely contributing to the ongoing issues with street drinkers, clearly other premises are too.

Desperado 5.7% abv
Dragon stout 7.5% abv
Guinness foreign extra 7.5% abv
Scrumpy Jack 6.0% abv
Zubr 6.0 abv
White star cider 7.5% abv
White storm cider 7.5% abv
Black storm cider 7.5% abv
Skol super 8.0 % abv
Tenants super 7.5% abv
Henry Weston's organic cider 6.0 % abv
Henry Weston's vintage cider 8.2 % abv
Henrywestons British vintage cider 7.3% abv
Old empire IPA 5.7% abv

It is clear to me that if this condition is removed from the premises licence, Planet Plenty will continue to sell the products that street drinkers regularly purchase and therefore will fuel the existing problem with street drinkers.

You have applied to have this condition removed, the Police will object and ultimately a Licensing Sub Committee will decide whether the condition is removed.

Kind regards,

Kris.

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From: Ruth Knaggs [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 March 2025 09:14
To: Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU <Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk>
Subject: Re: Do ask for me tomorrow

Look forward to seeing you today

I'll be at the the shop til 2.30pm.

If I miss you I wanted to share this:

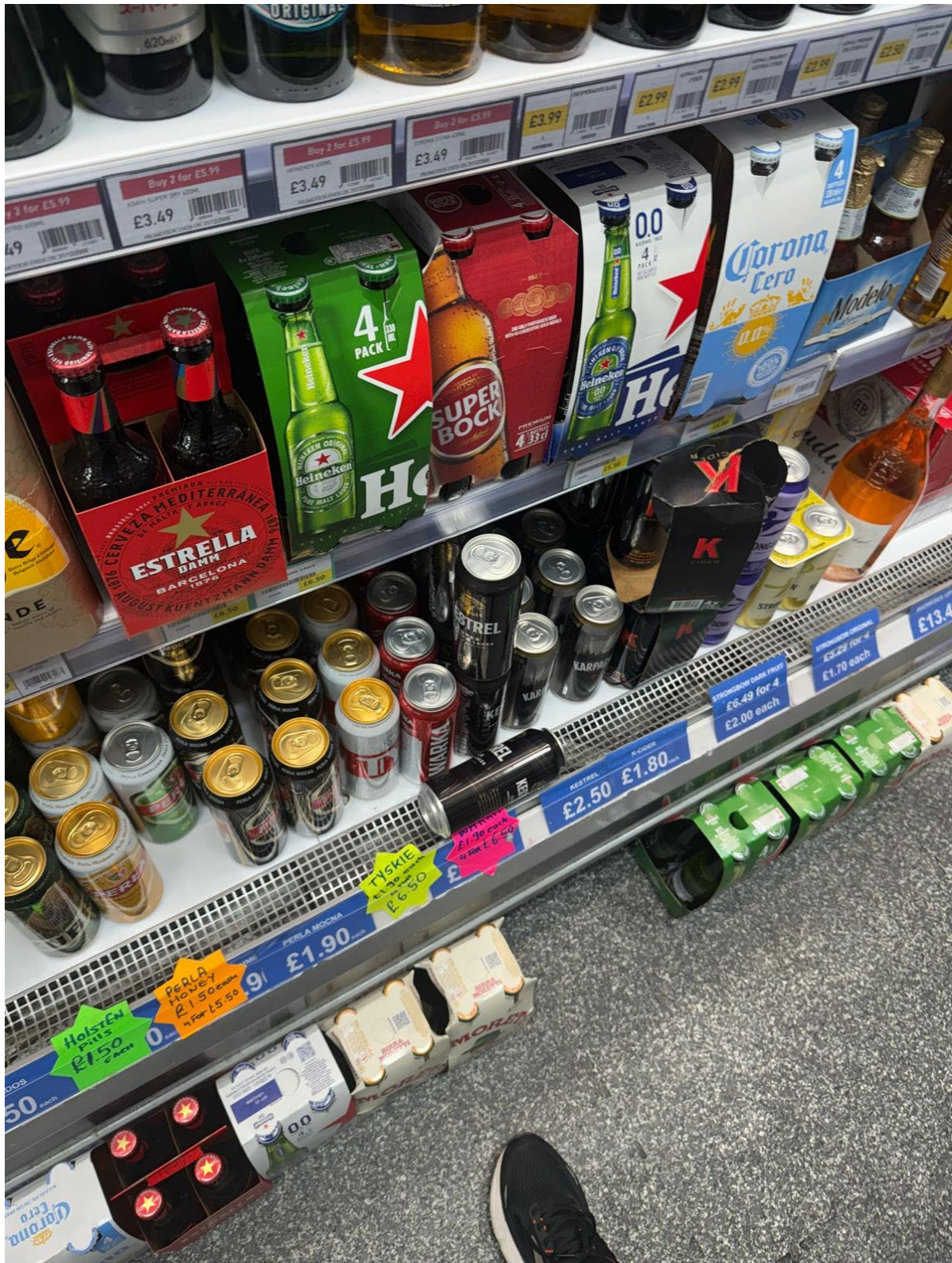
I was really upset that you thought we are causing street drinking.

We really do not attract those kinds of customer.

After what you said I did some research last night because I was so upset. I would hate to feel I contributed toward street drinking.

We , at Planet Plenty, are 300 meters away from South Park. We do not look like a corner shop. And we are expensive.

However we found Sullivan Superstore , that is right opposite South Park and is next to the estates , is selling up to 9% beers and at these prices :



You can see how cheap it is.

In addition the Post office at 380 Wandsworth Bridge Road is selling Tennant, Kestrel, Tenant etc and they are way closer to South Park than us. Again, cheaply . Plus they're open to midnight.

Both places have conditions telling them they can't sell for cheaper than the purchase price!!! Which shows that that's the sort of places they are!!

So it's very clear who is actually causing street drinking

I've checked their licences online and it seems they are allowed to do this.

But they are the problem , we are not .

We really feel unfairly targeted in being blamed for street drinking.

We now understand that currently we cannot sell certain items and we will adhere to this. But we do want to challenge this. We misunderstood our licence conditions until we were shocked to find out a couple of weeks ago. When Bill left he went to research as it wasn't definite that there was a problem. Ever since then we've been trying to find out how to do the right thing which is why we did training, why I contacted you, why I made an application to vary the premises licence - to try to get everything sorted correctly. We may have made mistakes, but we are clearly trying to do things correctly and transparently.

We deserve to be treated the same as other local businesses, especially as we are not the one attracting street drinkers. My research yesterday just reconfirmed that there are other businesses that are causing this problem.

Best wishes
Ruth

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Mar 2025, at 18:21, Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk wrote:

Hi Ruth,

I will do,

All the best,

Kris.

Kris Cardwell
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From: Ruth Knaggs [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 March 2025 16:03
To: Cardwell Kris J - AW-CU <Kristen.Cardwell@met.police.uk>
Subject: Do ask for me tomorrow

Hi Kris,
If you come by tomorrow, I'll be downstairs doing flowers, so do ask for me if you want.
Best wishes
Ruth

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