Licence Number: PREM354

Junction Stop 2 Broxholme Lane Wheatiey Doncaster DN1 2LJ

Monday 4th September 2017

Business Safety & Licensing
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Civic Office
Waterdale
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Dear Sirs

Re.: Review of Premises Licence for Junction Stop

I wish to make representations, in respect of the above Review, as the licence holder. It will also be my intention to attend, and be represented at, any hearing resulting from the Review.

Please note the following:

- 1. In his application for a Review, Mr. Stuart Jones says "Junction has consistently traded in illicit tobacco, despite warnings and advice of what types of tobacco can legitimately be sold". That accusation is identified as one of two separate grounds for review, in the public notice inviting representations. However, Mr. Jones offers absolutely no evidence of:
 - 1.1. Consistent trading. (Presumably this would be in addition to the alleged 3 test purchases as they constitute a separate ground and, in any event, three incidents over 8 months in hardy indicative of anything that is consistent); or
 - 1.2. Any warnings or advice that have been given.
- 2. I am far from satisfied that all, or possibly any, of the test purchases actually occurred. The descriptions given of these alleged events, as supplied to me, are lacking in credibility.
- 3. If any or all of the test purchases did occur, I can only assume that illicit tobacco was sold by one, or more, of my employees as a private, and unauthorised, enterprise of their own. I am seeking to investigate this matter and if I became satisfied that any employee did act in that way, he will be dismissed.
- 4. There have been numerous times (at least 6) over the last year when my shop has been searched by police officers, trading standards officers, officers of HM Revenue & Customs and/or Licensing Officers (in various combinations at various times) looking, no doubt among other things, for illicit tobacco products.

The searches have been thorough and persistent and, on every occasion, nothing has been found.

In all the circumstances, I submit that I would be grossly unfair for any action to be taken, to my detriment, as a result of this review.

Yours faithfully

