



Report of: **Service Director, Public Protection**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward
Licensing Sub-Committee	22 August 2011	B3	Bunhill
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Subject: PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW APPLICATION
RE: City Supermarket , 190-194 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7DT

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is an application by David Fordham of Islington Council's Trading Standards team for a Review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the review application is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The grounds for review are related to the licensing objectives:
 - i) Crime and Disorder;

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To determine the application to review the premises licence under Section 52 of the Licensing Act.
- 2.2 The Committee must have regard to the application and any relevant representations. The Committee must take such steps as necessary for the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

2.3 The steps stated in Sections 52(4) of the Act are as follows:

- a) to modify the conditions of the licence; and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them are altered, omitted or any new condition is added;
- b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
- d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- e) to revoke the licence;
- f) the Committee also have the option to leave the licence in its existing state;
- g) the Committee also has the power in relation to steps a) and b) to provide that the modification and exclusion only has effect for a limited period not exceeding three months.

3. Background

3.1 The premises currently holds a licence to:

- i) Sell alcohol for consumption off of the premises Monday to Sunday from 00:00 to 24:00;
- ii) 24 November 2005 premises licence was granted following a conversion application for 504 Hornsey Road. Hours Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00 and Sunday 10:00 to 22:30. The Licensee and DPS were named as Ibrahim Unek.
- iii) On 19 April 2006 representatives from the premises attended Licensing Officer Panel following failed test purchases to under age children.
- iv) On 24 July 2006 an application for review was made by Trading Standards. The review was following two failed test purchases to under age children.
- v) On 13 September 2006 the review was determined where 8 conditions were imposed on the licence.
- vi) On 22 September 2006 Atay Kasapoglu made an application for the licence to be transferred into his name and to become the DPS. The applications were granted.
- vii) On 15 August 2008 Licensing Officers attended the premises and found Salman Capti acting as the manager of the premises.
- viii) On 18 August 2008 Salman Capti made a request for a duplicate copy of the Premises Licence Summary
- ix) On 1 September 2008 Atay Kasapoglu attended Licensing Officer Panel following failed test purchases to under age children.
- x) On 8 June 2009 Atay Kasapoglu attended Licensing Officer Panel following failed test purchases to under age children.
- xi) On 8 June 2011 an application for review made by Trading Standards was received after seizures of counterfeit and smuggled goods.
- xii) On 28 June 2011 Salman Capti made an application for the licence to be transferred into his name and to become the DPS. These applications were objected to by the Police and have yet to be determined.

- 3.2 Papers are attached as follows:-
Appendix 1: application form;
Appendix 2: current premises licence;
Appendix 3: police representations;
Appendix 4: suggested conditions and map of premise location.
- 3.3 The Licensing Authority has received 1 letter of representation from the Police.

4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The Council is required to consider this application for review in the light of all relevant information from the applicant and the licence holder. It may attach such conditions necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

Background papers:

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
Licensing Act 2003
Secretary of States Guidance
Final Report Clearance

Signed by


Service Director – Public Protection

Date 21/7/11

Received by

Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services

Date

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Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.

If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I David Fordham, Service Manager Trading Standards

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / ~~apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described on Part 1 below (delete as applicable)~~

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

City Supermarket
190-4 Goswell Road

Post town: London

Post code: EC1V 7DT

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate:

Atay Kasapoglu

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 108088/2115

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓/yes

- an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
- a person living in the vicinity of the premises
- a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
- a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title (for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓/yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address	
David Fordham	
Service Manager (Trading Standards)	
Public Protection Division	
222 Upper Street	
London	
N1 1XR	
Telephone number:	020 7527 3458
E-mail:	<u>david.fordham@islington.gov.uk</u>

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- | | Please tick one or more boxes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
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If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

N/A

Please tick ✓ yes

I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate


I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See read guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date

9th June 2011

Capacity **Service Manager (Trading Standards)**

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

David Fordham

Service Manager (Trading Standards)

Public Protection Division

222 Upper Street

Post Code N1 1XR

Post town London

This application to review relates to the objective to prevent crime & disorder. It particularly relates to the supply by the business of smuggled goods.

On 27th January 2011, 158.15 litres of spirits and 164 bottles of wine were seized by HMRC officers during a joint HMRC / Trading Standards visit to City Supermarket, as it was believed that the goods were smuggled. The business was given 30 days to provide proof of legitimate purchase to HMRC, but none was provided.

Many different types of spirits were seized:

Smirnoff Red vodka (10.6 litres) – including 7 x 70cl bottles examined by trade mark holder and found to be counterfeit packaging and an inferior quality spirit at the strength of 32.6% abv, rather than the 37.5% of genuine Smirnoff. Duty stamp did not fluoresce.

Glens vodka (13.85 litres) – On 35cl & 70cl bottles the duty stamp did not fluoresce. All labels were self-adhesive.

Stolichnaya vodka (16.8 litres) – Original back label overstuck with one on which the duty stamp does not fluoresce.

Famous Grouse whisky (39.9 litres) – No alcohol by volume or nominal quantity markings. Poor print quality on back label. In re-sealed boxes. Trade mark holder believes it is diverted from export stock.

Other vodkas (6.3 litres) - Duty stamp does not fluoresce on Sobieski (2.8l) and Kommissar (1.4l).

Bells whisky (34.8 litres) - Duty stamp does not fluoresce. In re-sealed boxes.

Teachers whisky (23.1 litres) - Duty stamp does not fluoresce. In re-sealed boxes.

High Commissioner whisky (8.4 litres) - Duty stamp does not fluoresce.

Bacardi white rum (4.9 litres) - Duty stamp does not fluoresce.

The wine was recognised by HMRC officers as brands that have regularly been smuggled and supplied in the region without duty being paid.

The total duty that would have been evaded had the seized goods been sold was approximately £1,744.

Trading Standards are concerned at the possession for supply of illicit alcohol for the following reasons:

- Counterfeit spirits, particularly vodka, may be unsafe to consume.
- Illicit spirits are smuggled into the country and / or produced by organised crime. It is believed that the profits are frequently used to fund other types of serious crime.
- Smuggling causes huge losses to the UK's tax revenues.

This licence has previously been reviewed after two sales of alcohol were made to volunteer children working with Trading Standards in 2006. After the hearing in September 2009, conditions were added to the licence and no sale of alcohol has been made in four subsequent test purchase attempts. (There have also, in this period, been two test purchases of cigarettes attempted, resulting in one sale in May 2009).

Section 13(4) of Licensing Act 2003 and Regulation 7 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 makes a local weights and measures authority a responsible authority for the purposes of the legislation. Islington Council is a local weights and measures authority and that function is carried out by the trading standards team.

Here is a summary of events supporting this application

13/09/06	Review	Licence reviewed after 2 sales of alcohol to children. Conditions added.
27/01/11	HMRC seizure	158.15 litres of spirits and 164 bottles of wine seized by HMRC as suspected to be smuggled.

Recommendations:

As no evidence of legitimate purchase or other explanation has been provided, it is unlikely that the goods came from reputable supplier. Although it is not unknown for cash and carry businesses to deal in smuggled goods, it would be particularly unfortunate for a trader to innocently buy such a variety of brands that were illicit. It is more likely that the goods were bought from an irregular supplier – such as a person calling to the shop and selling out of the back of a van – although there is no hard evidence to support this contention.

The supply of the wine and the whisky can be considered a financial issue only as they are thought just to be regular products on which the duty has been evaded.

However, the supply of illicit vodka puts public health at risk. Counterfeit vodka often contains methanol – a type of alcohol that is not suitable for human consumption - and is responsible for many deaths worldwide each year. It would not be possible for a retailer to tell the difference between smuggled and counterfeit vodka or to assess how dangerous counterfeit vodka is.

Fortunately, the Smirnoff in this case that has been examined and identified as counterfeit does not appear to be harmful to human health. The other vodkas are believed to be genuine, but smuggled.

There is no record of the business having been advised by Trading Standards of the dangers of buying alcohol from unrecognised sources prior to the seizure. All independent off licences in the borough have since received advice about the law and practical guidance about how they can check they are not selling illicit alcohol and tobacco.

It is for the Committee to consider the appropriate remedy for these facts. Should the licence continue, Trading Standards wish to recommend the following conditions are added to the licence:

1. No alcoholic goods will ever be purchased from sellers calling to the shop.
2. Invoices (or copies) for all alcoholic goods on the premises will be kept at the shop and made available to officers from the council, police or HMRC upon request.
3. A stock control system will be introduced, so that the licensee can quickly identify where and when alcoholic goods have been purchased.
4. An ultra-violet light will be available at the premises for the purpose of checking the UK Duty Stamp on spirits as soon as practical after they have been purchased.
5. If any spirits bought by the company have UK Duty Stamps that do not fluoresce under ultra-violet light, or are otherwise suspicious, the licensee shall identify the supplier to Islington Trading Standards and HMRC as soon as possible.

No conditions relating to non duty paid or counterfeit goods have previously been attached by the Licensing Authority.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1(1);
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

STATEMENT OF: (name of witness)

David Mackie MRSC Dipl. Brew

Age: (If over 18 enter "over 18"): Over 18

Occupation: Project Scientist

This statement (consisting of 1 page, 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.

Dated the 08th day of April 2011

Signed

David Mackie

I am employed as a Project Scientist in the Science & Technology department of Diageo Global Supply, Technical Centre Europe, Glenochil, Menstrie, Clackmannanshire, FK11 7ES and I am able to comment on the authenticity of Smirnoff Red vodka, which is manufactured by our Company. I have been employed by Diageo and its predecessors for many years on the process, quality and analytical aspects of spirits manufacture with special emphasis on generic and brand authenticity. In this position I have full access to the Company's production records.

On the 31/03/2011 a sample sent by Doug Love of Trading Standards, Islington, was received at the Technical Centre lab for authenticity analysis. The sample with associated paperwork, coded DL/CS/1 in bag LA051746, was passed to the lab by Iain MacDonald, Diageo. The liquid purported to be Smirnoff Red Vodka. This was allocated the Reference No. IT-VCF-2011-0026 for our own records. Smirnoff Red vodka sold in the United Kingdom must have the alcohol strength of 37.5% vol stated on the label. My analysis showed that the liquid was inferior quality spirit. The alcohol strength of the sample was measured at 32.6% vol by gas chromatography. Thus, in my opinion, the suspect sample was not authentic Smirnoff Red vodka but an inferior spirit with alcohol strength below the specification for the product sold in the United Kingdom. Therefore it appears that the product analysed was inconsistent with the product label and would not be produced by the Company in this form.

Signed

David Mackie

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: JAIN MACLEOD ANTI COUNTERFEIT PROJECT MANAGER
Name Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 18 enter "over 18"): OVER 18

I declare that this statement consisting of 1 page, 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 at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, 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.

Dated this 29th day of March 2011

TO BE COMPLETED
WHEN THE
STATEMENT HAS
BEEN WRITTEN

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
Statement was recorded of received

J W

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

I am the Brand Packaging Anti Counterfeit Manager, employed by Diageo plc, a drinks brand

owner and manufacturer, based at the company's Brand Technical Centre at Menstrie in Scotland.

I have many years expertise in the analysis and authentication of brands packaging, including that of

Smirnoff vodka, one of our company brands. I have carried out a packaging analysis on the exhibit

bearing Smirnoff markings, Lot Code L8303CY00031333107, Bag LA051746, received from Islington

Trading Standards service.

I examined the bottle. The bottle profile, emboss detail and markings were incorrect. I concluded

beyond any doubt that the bottle was counterfeit and not genuine product as supplied to Diageo for

the packaging of Smirnoff Vodka.

I examined the closure. The incorrect machine tooling had been used in it's manufacture. The colours

and the printed Smirnoff motifs were incorrect. I concluded beyond any doubt that the closure was

counterfeit and not genuine product as supplied to Diageo for the packaging of Smirnoff vodka.

I examined the labelling applied to the bottle. Each label was printed on the incorrect type and quality

of substrate, and printed using incorrect artwork separations. The UK Duty Stamp was incorrect and

did not comply with the security print specification. I concluded beyond any doubt that the labels were

Counterfeit and not genuine product as supplied to Diageo for the packaging of Smirnoff Vodka.

Analysis of the packaging showed that the packaging was counterfeit, and that a purchaser would

not be receiving the brand that the packaging suggested. The Smirnoff designs and motifs on the closure

and labelling are registered trademarks owned by Diageo

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: Jain Macleod

J W

Statement of witness

(Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r27.1(1);
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, ss. 5A(3)(a) & 5B)

STATEMENT OF **Douglas James Love**

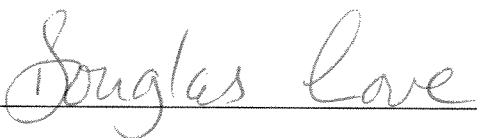
Age of witness (if over 18 enter "over 18") **Over 18**

Occupation of witness **Principal Consumer Services Officer**

This statement, consisting of **one** 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.

Dated the **25th day of July, 2011**

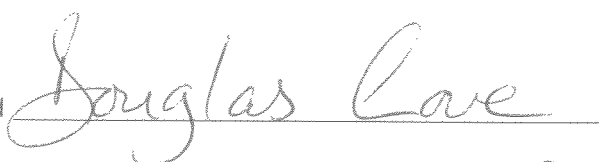
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I am employed in the Trading Standards team of Islington Council. On 27th January 2011 I visited a shop called City Supermarket at 190/4 Goswell Road, EC1 with two HMRC officers. The primary purpose of our visit was to inspect the business to see if they had any illicit alcohol on the premises. HMRC officers identified and seized 158.15 litres of spirits and 164 bottles of wine they believed to be illicit. I took possession of the spirits, which had been placed in brown boxes and sealed. The boxes were marked to identify them as coming from City Supermarket and I took them straight to Trading Standards' evidence store. On 28th February, John Fitzpatrick of the International Federation of Spirits Producers visited the evidence store and examined spirits that HMRC and Trading Standards had seized, including Smirnoff vodka from City Supermarket. He was of the opinion that this was counterfeit and a few days later e-mailed me to indicate that Diageo, the trade mark holders for Diageo were willing to formally examine a sample of Smirnoff from City Supermarket. I labelled a bottle from the seizure as DL/CS/1 and sealed it in bag LA051746 and sent it to Iain McDonald at Diageo. On 8th April 2011, I received by e-mail statements from Mr McDonald and his colleague, David Mackie that referred to this sample.



Signed



**PREMISES LICENCE
LICENSING ACT 2003**

Premises licence number	108088/2115		
Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	CITY SUPERMARKET 190-194 GOSWELL ROAD		
Post town	London	Post code	EC1V 7DT
Telephone number	020 7251 3390		

Where the licence is time limited the dates
Not Applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
The sale by retail of alcohol

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The opening hours of the premises:
Not specified

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies
Off supplies

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence
Atay Kasapoglu 4 Westmere Drive London NW7 3HE



**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number
(where applicable)**

Not applicable


**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where
the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**

Atay Kasapoglu
4 Westmere Drive
London NW7 3HE

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by
designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the
supply of alcohol**

01SX/LN/199905865 – London Borough of Barnet

Islington Council
Public Protection Division
159 Upper Street
London
N1 1RE
Tel: 020 7527 3031/3803
Email: licensing@islington.gov.uk


Assistant Director - Public Protection


Date of Issue

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence-
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

- 1) The restrictions on hours during which the sale of alcohol is authorised does not prohibit:
 - a) during the first 20 minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises, unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
 - b) the ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of alcohol so ordered;
 - c) the sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
 - d) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval military.
- 2) Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

- 1) The licensee shall adopt the 'Challenge 21' scheme and ensure that all staff are trained with regard to age restricted products. Staff shall sign the training sheet to confirm that they have understood the training. The licensee shall keep the records of training and instruction given to staff. This records shall be made available to an authorised officer or a police officer with 24 hours of any request.
- 2) The licensee shall put arrangements in place to ensure that when staff are dealing with young people, they ask for valid photo proof of age, for example a Portman Proof of Age card, a passport or photo style driving licence before selling alcohol to them.
- 3) The licensee shall display notices at the premises to inform customers that if there is any doubt of a persons age, they will be asked for identification and will not be served if they can not provide suitable identification.
- 4) A notice will be displayed at the till to remind staff to ask for identification.
- 5) A book of refused sales will be kept at the premises, to be completed by the seller and checked and signed by the licensee. The refusals book shall be made available to an authorised officer or a police officer with 24 hours of any request.
- 6) The requirements specified in the schedule dated 9 August 2006 shall be completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority for Health and Safety by 31 October 2006.
- 7) The requirements specified in the fire brigade representation dated 11 August 2006 shall be completed to the satisfaction of the fire brigade by 31 October 2006.

- 8) In instances of the cashier being 18 and under, all sales of alcohol must be personally approved by the designated premises supervisor holding a personal licence or a personal licence holder.

Annex 4 – Plans. Ref 94.05/05 March 2005

WITNESS STATEMENT


CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Robin Clark** URN:

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

This statement (consisting of: **1** pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.


Signature:  **PSLSM** Date: **4th July 2011**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

My name is Robin Clark and I am a Police Sergeant with the Metropolitan Police Service. I currently work as a Licensing officer at Islington Police Station. I have been given this specific responsibility by the Borough Commander who is acting under the written delegated authority of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis. A copy of this authority has been lodged with Islington Council Legal Department.

This statement is submitted in response to the review application made by the Mr David Fordham of Islington Council Trading Standards Service regarding the premises City Supermarket, 190-194 Goswell Road, EC1 7DT

I have read the information provided by the Council officials and note large volume of goods seized and therefore the large amount of excise duty the government have lost out on. The sale of counterfeit and smuggled goods is in my view a very serious matter and having assisted the council officials in seizing such goods it is apparent that it is becoming more widespread. If there was no market for the goods the trade would not flourish and as such the licensed trade does not need operators who are willing to break the law as readily as in this case buying goods from the back of a van. It is well documented that there is a strong link between organised crime groups and the trade in counterfeit and smuggled goods and therefore this type of crime is also supporting other types of crime such as the drug trade, people trafficking and even terrorism. As such I would support revocation of the licence or at least a long suspension and addition of the conditions proposed by the officers of Islington Trading Standards Office. I would also point out that the Home office guidance on this offence is revocation of the licence on the first offence and that the Licensing Authorities should seek to support business 's that operate within the law by removing those that trade illegally.

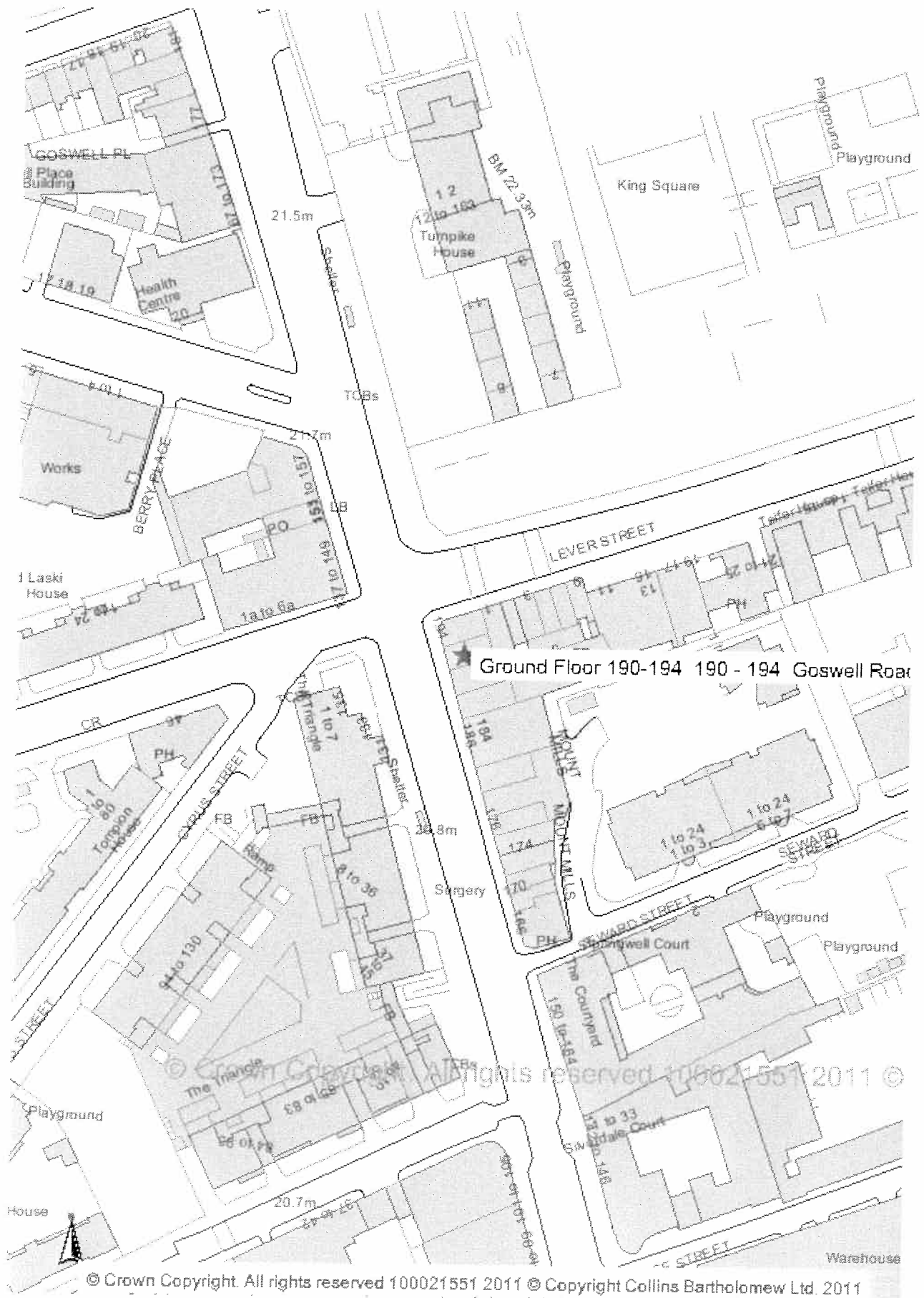
Signature:  **PSLSM** Signature witnessed by:

Suggested conditions

As per current licence

Suggested conditions of approval recommended by Trading Standards

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