



Report of: Service Director, Public Protection

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Sub-Committee	22 June 2016		Canonbury

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**Subject: REVIEW APPLICATION**  
**MEDITERRANEAN FOOD CENTRE, UNIT 2 MARQUESS ESTATE, ST PAUL'S ROAD N1 2RH**

**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This is an application by the Licensing Authority for a Review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 made by Islington Council's Trading Standards Service.
- 1.2 The grounds for review is related to the licensing objective:
- i) Prevention of crime and disorder.

**2. Relevant Representations**

Licensing Authority	Yes
Metropolitan Police	Yes
Noise	No
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	NA
Public Health	No

Safeguarding Children	No
London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	No
Other bodies	No

### 3. Background

#### 3.1 Papers are attached as follows:-

- Appendix 1: review application form
- Appendix 2: current premises licence
- Appendix 3: representations
- Appendix 4: documentation from the applicants legal representative
- Appendix 5: map of premises location.

3.2 The premises is currently licensed for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday to Saturday from 08:00 until 23:00 and Sundays from 10:00 until 22:30.

3.3 This premises was converted from a Justices On Licence in November 2005.

3.4 The current premises licence holder, Cagri Kirdag, transferred onto the premises licence on 6 December 2013. At the same time, an application was received to vary the premises licence to specify Cagri Kirdag as the Designated Premises Supervisor.

3.5 On 31 May, the Legal Representative for the premises licence holder, emailed a number of letters supporting the premises.

### 4. Planning Implications

4.1 There are no planning implications.

### 5 Recommendations

5.1 To determine the application to review the premises licence under Section 52 of the Licensing Act.

5.1 The Committee must have regard to the application and any relevant representations. The Committee must take such steps as appropriate for the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

5.2 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.

## 6 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 6.1 The Council is required to consider this application in the light of all relevant information, and if approval is given, it may attach such conditions as appropriate 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 14<sup>th</sup> June

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 Alonso Ercilla

(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:

**Mediterranean Food Centre**

**Unit 2, Marquess Estate, St Paul's Road**

Post town: **London**

Post code: **N1 2RH**

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

**Cagri Kirdag**

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate: **LN/2456-061213**

## 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

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a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

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### (C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address

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

Please tick one or more boxes

the prevention of crime and disorder

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public safety

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the prevention of public nuisance

☐

the protection of children from harm

☐

This application to review relates to the objectives to prevent crime and disorder and licensing policies 26 & 10. In particular, it relates to the seizure of a large amount of non-UK duty paid alcohol and a failure to exhibit a satisfactory standard of management at the business – specifically in regard to complying with licence conditions.

Mediterranean Food Centre is a small convenience store located on St Paul's Road on the edge of the Marquess Estate. The current owner, Mr Cagri Kirdag, has run the business since late 2013. He is also the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor.

Trading Standards have had no dealings with the business under Mr Kirdag's ownership except for the events described in this review application.

In December 2013 – shortly after he had taken over the business – Mr Kirdag sold alcohol, without proof of age being requested, to an 18 year old who was working with Mr Love of Trading Standards. Mr Love gave Mr Kirdag a letter advising that 'Challenge 25' be adopted and stating that an underage test purchase would follow. No offence is committed purely by failing to require proof of age to be provided, but it is a breach of Annex 3, condition 10 on the premises licence. Selling alcohol other than in accordance with the licence is an offence.

Later the same month, a test purchase was carried out by underage volunteers. On this occasion proof of age was requested and when it could not be produced the sale was refused.

Sometime in late September or early October 2015, Mr Love visited the premises. Mr Kirdag was not present, but a letter inviting attendance at some training sessions for off licence managers and staff that were organised for October was left for him. Mr Love heard nothing in response and no-one from the business attended the training.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, Mr Love was working with an 18 year old volunteer on another 'Challenge 25' test purchasing operation. The volunteer was again able to buy alcohol without proof of age being requested, in contravention of 'best practice' advice and Annex 3, condition 10 on the premises licence.

After the sale, Mr Love went into the shop to speak with the seller, an employee, and to deliver a letter stating there would be an underage test purchase done in the near future. (Unfortunately, it has not been possible to attempt this underage test purchase at the time of writing).

Mr Love then carried out a comprehensive check of the alcohol and tobacco in the shop. No suspect tobacco, wine or beer was detected, but a large amount of spirits was identified as non-UK duty paid and seized. Altogether **89.9 litres of nine brands** of spirits were seized:

**High Commissioner whisky** - 22 x 70cl bottles;  
**Smirnoff vodka** – 17 x 70cl & 1 x 1l;  
**Famous Grouse whisky** – 16 x 70cl;  
**Glen's vodka** – 10 x 70cl;  
**Chivas Regal whisky** – 6 x 70cl.

**Teacher's whisky** – 19 x 70cl;  
**Absolut vodka** – 17 x 70cl;  
**Bell's whisky** – 12 x 70cl;  
**E & J Brandy** – 8 x 70cl; &

None of the seized spirits are believed to be counterfeit. Details of why they are known to be non-duty paid are available upon request. Duty payable on the seized spirits would have been approximately **£981**.

Mr Kirdag was not at the premises when Mr Love first entered, but arrived part of the way through the seizure. He said that the seized spirits had been purchased from a social acquaintance who had closed his own shop and sold some of the stock to Mr Kirdag. He said that no paperwork or other proof of purchase was available.

Mr Love also did a check of compliance with the premises licence conditions.

- It was evident that spirits had been purchased in resealed boxes, contrary to Annex 3, condition 2 (four resealed cases of spirits were amongst the seized items). The purpose of this condition is to help licensee's avoid innocent purchases of illicit alcohol. Most non-duty



paid spirits are bottles intended for export which will not carry duty stamps. The cases have to be opened, the back labels replaced with ones carrying a fake duty stamp and then the cases re-sealed before they can be 'diverted' back to the UK market. The four cases seized here had been very obviously resealed with sticky tape.

- Mr Kirdag did not have a UV light on the premises (Annex 3, condition 6), so was unable to identify the duty stamps on the seized bottles that did not fluoresce (Annex 3, condition 7).
- No training records (Annex 3, condition 9) or refusals records (Annex 3, condition 11) were being kept.

Mr Kirdag (CK) subsequently accepted an invitation to attend an interview under caution. The main points of the interview are as follows:

- The vast majority of the seized goods were bought about a year before they were seized from an acquaintance that CK played football with. This man, known as 'Serkan' said he was closing his shop in Mount Road, Chingford. CK paid over £1000, but he could not remember exactly how much.
- Since the seizure, CK had tried to contact Serkan, but without success.
- CK confirmed that he had no documents relating to this deal and had not made any checks on the goods: he said he did not know what to look for until Mr Love had shown him at the time of the seizure.
- Some stock – the High Commissioner and the Famous Grouse – was said to have been transferred stock from the previous owner of the shop. He could not remember where the Chivas Regal came from.
- He said that he and never bought alcohol from anyone calling to the shop.
- He accepted that he had not sought advice from anyone about illicit alcohol, but apologised and said he had learnt his lesson. He also said that he had thrown away the one bottle of High Commissioner left by Mr Love as he was worried it had been missed (it had been checked and found to cause no concern) and asked Mr Love to view some Jack Daniels he had purchased since as he had checked it with his new uv light and was concerned (Mr Love had no concerns about this, either).
- CK admitted that he had not understood the relevance of premises licence conditions and had not looked at them since buying the business. He did not know what the Licensing objectives were.
- He stated that the letter relating to the training had not been passed on to him and he knew nothing about it, but that he did want to attend the next training session.

After the interview, Mr Love checked with the Licensing Team from Waltham Forest. They confirmed that a shop at 48 Mount Road closed at some stage between August 2012 and late 2013. The first name of the premises licence holder was Serkan.

On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Mr Kirdag attended the training session for Off Licence managers. Mr Love remembers him being attentive and making contributions to the session.

Mr Love made an unannounced revisit to the business on 22<sup>nd</sup> March to assess whether the standard of management had improved. He found no illicit goods at the premises and much improved compliance with licence conditions – there were just a couple of minor things to do with records that Mr Kirdag was advised to improve. Mr Love also noted that the shop had been much tidied up from when he had previously been there.

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.



## Recommendations

It is clear that Mr Kirdag was not managing the business well up to the point of the seizure.

The seizure was one of the larger ones that we have made in terms of the amount of spirits and the duty payable. All of the spirits could have been identified as suspect by Mr Kirdag, had he followed the checks recommended in written advice produced by Trading Standards and available on request or on the Council website. He has provided an explanation of where the spirits came from that cannot be fully verified, but is plausible. Assuming it is true, Mr Kirdag has been, at best, negligent to have taken the spirits without paperwork or understanding what checks he could and should have made. It could therefore be argued that the purchase of illegal alcohol was caused by negligence as opposed to dishonesty.

He also admits to having little idea of the relevance of the condition on the premises licence. Clearly all Licensees, DPSs and personal licence holders should know their importance. He should also have been aware of the Licensing objectives, as it is a licensee's responsibility to promote them.

In this instance, Trading Standards believe that a suspension of the licence, to emphasise the importance the Council places on the need for a high standard of management and to act as a deterrent is, given the aggravating and mitigating factors highlighted, a suitable outcome. It is also recommended that the Annex 3, conditions 1-11 should be replaced with the following conditions. This will keep the wording up to date; add the standard cctv condition; and remove condition 12, which related to the previous licensee and is no longer necessary.

- No alcoholic goods or tobacco products will ever be purchased or taken from persons calling to the shop.
- The licensee will immediately report to Trading Standards any instance of a caller to the shop attempting to sell alcohol or tobacco products.
- No spirits shall be purchased in a resealed box, without thorough checks being made to ensure it is legal to sell.
- Only alcoholic drinks which are detailed on invoices will be purchased or accepted as part of a 'free' offer. Invoices (or copies) for all alcoholic goods on the premises will be made available to officers from the council, police or HMRC upon request.
- A stock control system will be introduced, so that the licensee can quickly identify where and when alcoholic goods have been purchased.
- 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.
- If any spirits bought by the business 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 as soon as possible.
- The licensee shall adopt 'Challenge 25', the Retail of Alcohol Standards Group's advice for off-licences, and promote it through the prominent display of posters.
- The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained on relevant matters including the conditions on the premises licence; age restricted products; and (if they are ever left in charge of the shop) the operation of the cctv system and how to deal with visits from authorised officers. The licensee shall keep records of training and instructions given to staff, detailing the areas covered, and make them available for inspection upon request by authorised officers. Staff shall sign to confirm that they have received and understood the training.
- Age-restricted products training shall cover the following steps: the assessment of age; how

and when to challenge for proof of age; acceptable proof of age and how to check it; and recording refusals.

- The licensee shall put arrangements in place to ensure that before serving alcohol to persons they believe to be less than 25, staff ask to see accredited proof of age: that is, proof of age cards carrying the 'PASS' logo (and no others), a Passport, or UK Driving Licence bearing the photograph and date of birth of the bearer.
- The licensee shall require staff to note any refusals to sell to young people in a refusals log. The refusals log shall be checked and signed monthly by the designated premises supervisor. The refusals log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.
- CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained in agreement with the Police. Maintained means that the system will be regularly serviced (at least once a year) and checked every two weeks to ensure that it is storing images correctly and a log kept and signed by a Supervisor to this effect. The system will provide an identifiable full head and shoulder image of everyone entering the premises and will operate in any light conditions within the premises. The system will cover the full exterior of the premises and shall record in real time, date and time stamped and will operate whilst the premises is open for licensable activities. The recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and copies will be made available to an Authorised Officer or a Police Officer (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24hrs of any request free of charge. There will always be a member of staff on duty who can operate the system, to allow Officers to view recordings and if required by a Police Officer, provide a copy of images immediately free of charge to assist in the immediate investigation of offences. If the system malfunctions and will not be operating for longer than one day of business then Police must be informed.

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

28<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Capacity Trading Standards Manager

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

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)





**PREMISES LICENCE  
LICENSING ACT 2003**

<b>Premises licence number</b>	LN/2456-061213		
<b>Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>			
<p align="center"><b>MEDITERRANEAN FOOD CENTRE UNIT 2 , MARQUESS ESTATE ST PAULS ROAD</b></p>			
<b>Post town</b>	London	<b>Post code</b>	N1 2RH
<b>Telephone number</b>	020 7704 8194		


<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates</b>
Not Applicable

<b>Licensable activities authorised by the licence</b>
The sale by retail of alcohol

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<b>The opening hours of the premises:</b>
Not specified

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

<b>Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence</b>
Cagri Kirdag 





**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**

Cagri Kirdag



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



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Service manager (Commercial)

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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. No alcoholic goods will ever be purchased or taken from persons calling to the shop.
2. No spirits shall be purchased in a resealed box.
3. The licensee will immediately report to Trading Standards any instance of a caller to the shop attempting to sell alcohol.
4. Invoices (or copies) for all alcoholic goods on the premises will be kept at the shop or the shops official recognised accountants and made available to officers from the Council, Police or HMRC upon request.
5. A stock control system consisting of supporting documentation to determine proof of origin of alcohol in the shop will be introduced, so that the licensee can quickly identify where and when alcoholic goods have been purchased.
6. 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.
7. If any spirits bought by the business 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.

8. The licensee shall adopt the Challenge 25, the Retail of Alcohol Standards Group's advice for off-licences.
9. The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained about age restricted products and ensure that they sign to confirm that they have understood the training. The training shall include the assessment of age; making a challenge; acceptable proof of age; and recording refusals. The licensee shall keep records of training and instruction given to staff and make them available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.
10. The licensee shall put arrangements in place to ensure that before serving alcohol to young persons, staff ask to see accredited proof of age: that is proof of age cards carrying the 'PASS' logo (and no others), a Passport, or UK Driving Licence bearing the photograph and date of birth of the bearer.
11. The licensee shall require staff to note any refusals to sell to young people in a refusals log. The refusals log shall be checked and signed monthly by the designated premises supervisor. The refusals log shall be made available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.
12. The licensee shall be required to undertake appropriate training during the 28 day suspension period. The licensee shall identify a course, notify the licensing team of the course and date taken and keep a record for inspection.

**Annex 4 – Plans. Ref 86481 7 June 2005**



**Licensing Authority Representation****Licensing Act 2003**

**Application: Mediterranean Supermarket, Unit 2, Marquess Estate, St Paul's Road  
London N1 2RH**

I am submitting a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority regarding the review of the premises licence made by Islington's Trading Standards service.

The grounds for the representation are:

- Crime and disorder
- Protection of Children from Harm

**Licensing Policy Considerations**

*Licensing Policy 9, 10, 25, 26 and 30*

**Issues of Concern**

1. The Licensing Authority have serious concerns over the continued management of the premises following visits to the premises in December 2013 and December 2015 where alcohol was sold to an 18 year old without identification being requested. On the visit made to the premises in December 2015, a large amount of non-uk duty paid bottles of spirits were found at the premises, 127 bottles in total and subsequently seized.
2. Similarly, at the visit to the premises in December 2015, the following premises licence conditions were contravened:

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

2. *No spirits shall be purchased in a resealed box.*
6. *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.*
7. *If any spirits bought by the business 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.*
9. *The licensee shall ensure that staff are trained about age restricted products and ensure that they sign to confirm that they have understood the training. The training shall include the assessment of age; making a challenge; acceptable proof of age; and recording refusals. The licensee shall keep records of training and instruction given to staff and make them available for inspection upon request by the licensing team, police or trading standards.*
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**Recommendation**

3. The Licensing Authority note that the premises licence holder attended an interview under caution held at the Islington Council offices and attended training provided by Trading Standards officer Doug Love and for this reason, the Licensing Authority support the Trading Standards Service recommendation that the Licensing Sub-Committee impose a period of suspension of the premises

licence of at least two weeks, and amend conditions 1-11 of Annex 2 the premises licence as outlined in the Review application.

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26 May 2016

**Your** License Review

**Our** Licensing/NI

**Date:** 25/05/2016



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SERVICE**

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**25th May 2016**

Medierranean Food Centre  
Unit 2  
Marquess Estate  
St Pauls Road  
N1 2RH

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Premises License Review: Mediteranean Food Centre, Unit 2, Marquess Estate N1 2RH**

With reference to the above application, we are writing to inform you that the Metropolitan Police, as a Responsible Authority, will be supporting this application for a review of a premises license under Section 51 Licensing Act 2003.

We have read the application submitted by Mr Alonso Ercilla Trading Standards Manager Public Protection Division, 222 Upper Street N1 1XR.

We are in full agreement with his assessment of the premises. We believe that the management standards are far from reaching the high standards required and expected by all of the Responsible Authorities and the Council Licensing Policy.

The evidence put forward in Mr Ercilla's report makes it clear that there have been issues with the sale or possession of illicit alcohol at the venue. There is also some inconsistencies with the venue implementing their challenge 25 policy which is also one of their licence conditions. Although alcohol hasn't been served to someone below the age of 18, proper due care isn't being taken in ensuring this is adhered to and is a serious concern.

Islington Licensing Police take a very dim view of any person and or premises that operate outside of the law.

It is clear from the report that Mr Kirdag isn't promoting the licensing objectives the way in which we would require. The standards of Management are far from the levels we would expect and we have no hesitation in recommending that the license for the premises is revoked for a period of time and that the recommendations submitted are placed on to the licence for the premises.

Islington Police Licensing Team  
PC Ben Chadwick 292NI  
Pc Steven Harrington 425NI  
Pc Peter Conisbee 575NI





To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir / Madam

I [REDACTED] of the above Address  
Regularly Shop at The Mediterranean  
Super Market Centre on St Pauls Road  
Islington, London N1. Several times a week  
have been for over 10 years to buy various  
Items, so as to support our Local Convent  
Store.

During that time that I have being Shopping there,  
I have never ever been offered Illegal alcohol  
Nor Duty free Alcohol or Cigarettes.  
Also I have never heard or seen anyone  
been offered Illegal Alcohol or Illegal  
Cigarettes.

I buy Alcohol drinks there also Cigarettes  
for a number of years and have never  
seen any Illegal Transaction.  
I have seen the proprietors asked people for  
their ID. to ascertain their age.  
I have also seen persons without ID or  
who are under 18 been Refused to be  
served Alcohol and Cigarettes.

Sincerely yours

[REDACTED]


To WHOM IT CONCERNES

My NAME IS [REDACTED]

I LIVE AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]


THIS SHOP IS MY LOCAL WHICH I  
VISIT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THROUGH  
THE WEEK. I CAN HONESTLY SAY I  
HAVE NEVER BOUGHT OR BE OFFERED  
GOODS THAT WERE DUTY FREE OR OTHERWISE  
TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE SHOP HAS BEEN  
HONEST AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED.

SIGNED [REDACTED]

  
To whom it may concern

Shop at the Modherian Supermarket  
and many times every week during all  
the time I have been and the premises  
I have never been offered illegal alcohol  
or alcohol on which duty hasn't been  
paid. I have never heard or seen anyone  
offered illegal alcohol or illegal cigarette  
at the premises. I live in the the  
area and I never heard rumors that  
you can buy illegal cigarettes or  
illegal alcohol, at the premises.

I have seen customers asked for  
their ID. to proof their age.  
I have seen person without ID or  
under 18, refused alcohol.

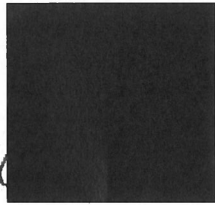


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My name is [REDACTED] i live at [REDACTED]

i Shop at Mediterranean Supermarket roughly 2 or more times a day during all the times ive Been in the Shop i have never encountered the owner selling illegal Alcohol or Alcohol that has not been paid Duty. I have never heard Anyone has brought illegal Alcohol from this Supermarket.

I live in the area i have been buying Alcohol from the Mediterranean Supermarket for many years and have never heard rumours that you can buy illegal cigarettes neither Alcohol. I have seen many customers asked for there id to be shown and many customers have been turned down for not having the correct proof of age or the right id.





To whom it may concern

I have lived at [REDACTED] for 9 years  
and the Mediterranean food center has been  
my local shop and they have never  
sold me alcohol or illegal cigarettes ever.

I go to this shop at least 15 times a week  
and never been given illegal product and  
I trust the owner very much.

I have never seen or heard any rumors  
of the owner ever sell illegal cigarettes  
or alcohol. The owner always ask me (age 24)  
or other customer for ID when ever purchasing  
alcohol or cigarettes.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

MY NAME IS [REDACTED], I LIVE ON

[REDACTED].

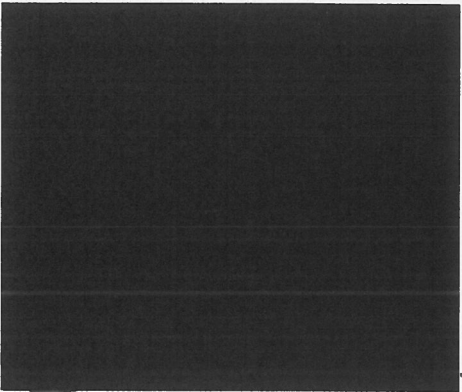
I COME TO THIS SHOP EVERYDAY FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS AND DURING MY TIME STAYED ON THE PREMISES I HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED (OR SEEN ANYONE BE OFFERED) ILLEGAL ALCOHOL OR DUTY FREE ALCOHOL.


I'VE BOUGHT ALCOHOL FROM THIS SHOP MANY TIMES AND HAVE NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS, NEITHER DID I HEAR ANY REMARKS REGARDING THE MATTER.

TO MY KNOWLEDGE THIS SHOP HAS BEEN FAIR AND HONEST FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN HERE.

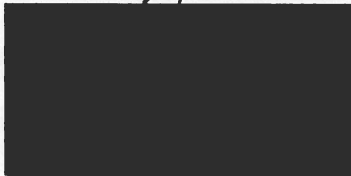
SIGNED:

[REDACTED]

  
To whom it may concern,

My name is , a regular customer of Mediterra Food Centre for the last seven years. I would like to attest that I have never been offered illegal tobacco, Alcohol or ~~cigaret~~ cigarettes, nor have I ever witnessed this!

To my knowledge this is a honest establishment, and are very cautious about the age of customers buying such items! Please feel free to contact me for further information

Singh  


19-05-2016.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

I [REDACTED] was very upset to hear that my local market Med Food Centre on St Pauls Road which is half a minute walk from my door faces having their off licence taken away from them. I do all my drinks and food buying from them plus I pay my bills through the shop. I have known the owners now for several years and because of their honesty, helpfulness and two of the nicest people you may know, I prefer always to use them. To this day I have never known them to do under the counter selling and I always believe they do legitimate business. Please do not take away their licence. I have no hesitation in saying that there has been a very big misunderstanding and they always do their utmost to keep all their customers happy.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

20/05/2016

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[REDACTED]

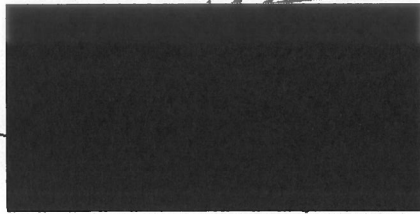
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[REDACTED]

Hearing the sad news that Mr Cagri is facing with the sale of alcohol and Tabaco in his store, I would like to take some time express how much Mediterranean Supermarket means to my family. It has been a store that we have been shopping at with confidence for years. I have seen different management over the years but can assure that Mr Cagri has always been a caring owner/friend to us. Visiting the shop on regular basis, I have never faced an issue with the sale of tabaco or alcohol. Mr Cagri had never offered us illegal goods at any time, while shopping there on few occasions, I had never witnessed the sell of illegal goods to any other customers. In some occasions I had witnessed Mr Cagri request identification to sell cigarettes to under aged looking individuals. It would most definitely limit my to shop local if Mr Cagri is denied the sale of alcohol and tabaco at any time. I would have to travel further

with my children to get my daily needs. Please reconsider my  
decisions and the impacts on other customers like my self.

Your Sincerely



to whom it may concern.

My name is [REDACTED] I live at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I have lived in the area for many years and regularly shop  
in mediterranean supermarket, in all the years I have paid visit to the  
supermarket I have never witnessed illegal alcohol being sold neither  
heard of this occurring.

[REDACTED]





