

Please accept this email as a representation to the recent premises licence review application by Lancashire Country Council Trading Standards in relation to Europa Stores at 94 Barkerhouse Road, Nelson.

**Whilst fully supporting the application by LCC Trading Standards I am also satisfied there are exceptional circumstances in this case and that the police representations are relevant to one or more of the licensing objectives.**

Details below.

Of concern is that Pendle Borough Council were informed in June 2016 that the then believed DPS (Tasleem Balesaria) for the premises had not had any involvement in Europa Store since August 2015. So between August 2015 and June 2016 the premises does not appear to have had a Designated Premises Supervisor in place at the premises and was therefore trading unlawfully throughout this time.

Despite many recent attempts by the Local Authority, Trading Standards and the Police to contact and meet with those responsible for Europa Stores there's been a persistent reluctance to speak and meet with the agencies involved. Details of those involved are sketchy with a some names being mentioned and then when contacted these people deny any involvement. Non-attendance at meetings and evasive answers to questions can be evidenced throughout. This constant avoidance of anybody stepping forward to accept responsibility at the premises portrays a premises that cannot be trusted to promote any of the licensing objectives.

It's been established that a recent proposed DPS (Arshad Javed) for a DPS variation application did not know anything about the application and had no intention of being involved in the running of the Europa Stores. The signature on the application did not match his. There is evidence available that indicates this may not be the first time this as occurred with an application for these premises. Again this portrays a premises that cannot be trusted and relied on to work in with the enforcement agencies or promote the licensing objectives.

It's my view that the Police representations to this review application are relevant to the licensing objectives and wish them to be considered at any hearing.

Submitted for your consideration.

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