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Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Licensing Sub-Committee

Monday 30 November 2026

10.00 am

Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford TF3 4HS

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Licensing Committee
Hearings Procedure
Applications under the Licensing Act 2003

1. The various parties are identified.

2. The Solicitor to the Committee will ask the Applicant to confirm that he/she received notice of the hearing and of his/her right to be represented.

3. The Solicitor to the Committee will explain the procedure to be followed and advise parties that written representations have been received and have been placed before Committee Members. Therefore it is expected that oral submissions will be by way of a succinct summary of the key points and will address any points of clarification requested.

4. The Chair will ask the Democratic Services Support Officer if notice of a representative or witness has been received. If so, Members will decide whether the representative/witness will be allowed.

5. The Chair will ask the Democratic Services Support Officer if any points of clarification have been requested of any party.

6. The Council's Licensing Officer will present the Licensing Authority's report and may call any witnesses.

7. The Applicant and person/body making a relevant representation may ask the Council's Licensing Officer and any witnesses questions.

8. Members of the Committee may ask questions of the Council's Licensing Officer and any witnesses.

9. Any person/body who has made a relevant representation may make a submission and call witnesses.

10. The Applicant may ask any person/body who has made a representation questions.

11. The Council's Licensing Officer may ask the person/body who has made a representation questions.

12. Members of the Committee may ask questions of any person/body who has made a relevant representation.

13. The Applicant may make a submission and call any witnesses.

14. The Council's Licensing Officer may ask the Applicant questions.

15. Any person/body making a representation may ask the Applicant questions.

16. Members of the Committee may ask the Applicant questions.

17. The Council's Licensing Officer may make a closing statement.

18. Any person/body who has made a representation may make a closing statement.

19. The Applicant may make a closing statement.

20. The Chair of the Committee will then ask all parties to confirm that they have concluded their submissions or representations in respect of the application and that they have no further points they wish to make.

21. Parties will be asked if they wish to remain to hear the decision. All except the Committee, its legal advisor and the Democratic Services Support Officer will withdraw. (If it is necessary to recall one party for further questions or clarification all the parties are invited to return.)

22. After the Committee reaches its decision, and if the parties have elected to remain, the parties are recalled and the Solicitor to the Committee announces the decision.

23. As soon as possible thereafter the decision is confirmed in writing to all parties. The letter advises parties of any statutory right of appeal.

Note

It is an important principle of the rules of natural justice that members who take part in the deliberations and decision-making should only do so if they have been present for the whole of the hearing.

A party may seek to introduce new matters at the hearing. Legal advice should be sought on whether to allow the evidence or to proceed or adjourn to allow all parties time to consider the new matters.

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Monday 30 November 2026

Review of High Street Off Licence Premises Licence

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Nathan England - Cabinet Member for Safer Streets and Better Housing
Lead Director:	Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance
Service Area:	Policy & Governance
Report Author:	Tayyibah Daud - Licensing Technical Officer
Officer Contact Details:	Tel: 01952 381818 Email:Tayyibah.Daud@telford.gov.uk
Wards Affected:	Arleston and College
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Licensing Sub-Committee – 30 November 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

The Committee is asked to:-

1.1 Consider an application for a review of a Premises Licence.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To submit for consideration by the Licensing Sub-Committee an application for a review of a premises licence.

3.0 Background

3.1 The premises licence was originally granted on 23 June 2011. On 16 July 2019, the licence was transferred to Mr Ismail Osman Iliyaz, who also became the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) on the same date. The current premises licence, including its conditions, is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 The premises licence records the premises name as Austin News. However, the premises is currently and has been for some time trading as High Street Off Licence. This is the name used throughout the review application and this report. The premises licence has not been amended to reflect the change of trading name.

3.3 The review application was made by Trading Standards - Telford and Wrekin Council on 7 October 2026 and is detailed below.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

Review Application

4.1 An application was received from Trading Standards, as a Responsible Authority, on 7th October 2026 for a review of a premises licence in respect of High Street Off Licence, 45A High Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1JW

4.2 The premises location is Arleston and College. A location map is attached at Appendix 2.

4.3 A copy of the review application and supporting documents is attached at Appendix 3.

4.4 The review has been brought in support of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives.

4.5 The notice of review has been properly served on all Responsible Authorities. The Council has complied with the legislative process and displayed the appropriate notice at the premises and on the website as required.

4.6 Any Responsible Authority and/or Other Person may make representations about an application.

4.7 Representations have been received from West Mercia Police. This representation can be found at Appendix 4.

4.8 Representations have been received from Night Time Economy on behalf of the Licensing Authority. This representation can be found at Appendix 5.

4.9 Home Office Enforcement and the Local Planning Authority have confirmed that they do not wish to make a representation. These responses can be found at Appendix 6 and 7.

4.10 No representations have been received from Other Persons.

4.11 The applicant for review, the premises licence holder, and those who have made a relevant representation have all been invited to attend the hearing.

Grounds for Review as stated in the application:

4.12 Since 2016, the premises has been associated with the sale of illicit cigarettes and tobacco. Despite apparent changes in ownership, the evidence demonstrates a persistent pattern of non-compliance.The seizure of illicit tobacco products in March 2026 and the subsequent successful test purchases provide strong evidence that the premises continues to operate in a manner that undermines the licensing objectives..

4.13 Full details of the investigations, test purchases and evidence gathered are contained within the review application.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The legal options open to the Committee are set out at paragraphs 9.3 and 9.4 of this report.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 There is always the risk of challenge and right to appeal. However, such appeal and challenge is mitigated through robust process and compliance with necessary legislation.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 This report supports the following council priorities:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy
- A community-focussed innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Compliance with statutory duties as part of the licensing function is delivered within existing budgets.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003, as amended, states that a responsible authority or any other person may apply to the relevant Licensing Authority for a review of a licence.

9.2 When determining any such review, the Committee must consider the four licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003. They are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public Safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

9.3 The Licensing Sub-Committee when determining an application for review, pursuant to Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003, has power to take any of the following steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the "licensing objectives."

(a) Modify the conditions of the licence;
(b) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
(c) Remove the designated premises supervisor
(d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months and/or
(e) Revoke the licence.

9.4 The committee may also decide to issue an information warning or take no action.

9.5 Any action taken by the Licensing Sub Committee must be an appropriate and proportionate response and legal advice will be provided during the review hearing where appropriate.

9.6 The Committee is also asked to note that any conditions added to the licence should be fair, transparent, consistent, enforceable, proportionate and targeted, in accordance with the the 2003 Act and Local Better Regulation Office principles of better regulation.

9.7 Revocation or suspension may engage Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of possessions), requiring any interference to be lawful, proportionate and subject to fair balance, and Article 6 confers the right to a fair hearing.

9.8 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 This report has an impact on both residents and businesses. The purpose of a review is to moderate behaviour to ensure that that businesses operate lawfully.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no health, social or economic implications associated with the content of this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no equalities implications associated with the content of this report.

12.2 The contents of this report is not considered to have a direct impact on the Armed Forces Duty or town and parish councils.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

13.1 Having had regard to the council's obligations it is considered that there are no climate change or environmental implications associated with the content of this report.

14.0 Background Papers

1 Licensing Act 2003
2 Guidance issued by Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
3 The Statement of Licensing Policy for Borough of Telford and Wrekin.

15.0 Appendices

1 Premises Licence
2 Location Map
3 Review Application
4 West Mercia Police Representation
5 Night Time Economy Representation
6 Home Office Enforcement Response
7 Planning Authority Response

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	16/11/2026	20/11/2026	EH
Finance	16/11/2026	16/11/2026	MLB

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Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence

Premises Licence Number: BTWPRM0629

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

Austins News
45A High Street
Wellington
Telford
Shropshire
TF1 1JW

Telephone number

Where the licence is time limited, the dates

Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence and the times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Activity	Days	From	To	Indoors/ Outdoors
Sale of Alcohol	Sunday	08:00	23:00	
Sale of Alcohol	Monday - Saturday	07:30	23:00	

Non-standard timings

The opening hours of the premises

Days	From		To
Sunday	08:00	-	23:00
Monday - Saturday	07:30	-	23:00

Non-Standard Opening Hours of the Premises

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

Alcohol is supplied for consumption off the Premises

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mr Ismail Osman Iliyaz

[redacted]

Email Address

Telephone No.

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

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

Mr Ismail Osman Iliyaz

[redacted]

TF1 1JL

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

Personal Licence No: BTWPER1998
Licensing Authority: Telford And Wrekin Council

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Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions

The making and authorisation of Alcohol Sales

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.

Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.

Age Verification Policy for the Sale or Supply of Alcohol

The Premises Licence holder or Club Premises Certificate Holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

The Designated Premises Supervisor in relation to the Premises Licences must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either:-
(a) A holographic mark or
(b) An ultraviolet feature.

Permitted Price of Alcohol

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price
2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1—
   a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979);
   b) ”permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula—

$$P = D + (DxV)$$

   where—
   P is the permitted price,
   D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
   V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
   c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence—
      (i) the holder of the premises licence,
      (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or

(iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;

d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and

e) "valued added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.

4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.

(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e):

None

b) The prevention of crime and disorder:

Alcohol will not be sold to anyone who is drunk.

A local Police number will be available for contact in the case of disorder or crime.

A CCTV system will be installed, maintained and images made available to authorised officers on request.

c) Public safety:

Groups of people or those drinking outside the premises will be requested to move away.

Fire fighting equipment and smoke detectors on site to be fully maintained and provide evidence of such when requested by authorised officers.

d) The prevention of public nuisance:

Rubbish will be cleared from outside the premises.

e) The protection of children from harm:

Training will be given to all staff on points of law relating to the sale of alcohol. A training record will be maintained at all times. The training record will include the date the training was given, the identity of the trainer, the identity of the employee, what training was covered and that it was understood.
A paper or electronic equivalent refusal register will be in use, maintained and adhered to at all times and will be made available to all authorised officers upon request.
A proof of age scheme will be in place no less than "Challenge 21" and shall be in operation and adhered to at all times. Notices will be displayed in a clear and prominent place at the till area and where alcohol is on view for sale. The acceptable forms of ID are up to date photo card driving licence, up to date passport or a PASS accredited card bearing the PASS hologram.
All spirits 40% or above to be located behind the counter.
All alcohol to be in view of checkouts

Other Operating Conditions

Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a Hearing by the Licensing Authority

Annex 4 – Plans

As deposited with the Licensing Authority

Duty to keep licence

The premises licence or a certified copy of it must be kept at the premises. The summary of the licence must be prominently displayed at the premises. It is an offence not to comply with this.

Duty to produce licence

Any Police Constable or authorised officer of the licensing authority may require the holder of a premises licence to produce that licence for examination. It is an offence not to produce your premises licence when requested to by a Police Constable or an authorised officer of the licensing authority.

Surrender of licence

If you wish to surrender this licence you must give the Licensing Authority notice to that effect, and the premises licence must accompany that notice.

Change of Name or Address

You must let the licensing authority know if you change your name or address. Your premises licence must accompany the notice to change your details. It is an offence not to inform the licensing authority of any change of name or address to the holder of the licence or the designated premises supervisor.

Change of Designated Premises Supervisor

If you wish to change the premises supervisor named on the licence you must apply to the licensing authority and give notice of the application the police. It is an offence to sell alcohol without a designated premises supervisor named on the licence.

All statutory conditions under which this licence is issued can be viewed in detail under Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Licensing Act 2003
Premises Licence Summary

Premises Licence Number: BTWPRM0629

Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

Austins News
45A High Street
Wellington
Telford
Shropshire
TF1 1JW

Telephone number

Where the licence is time limited the dates

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Non-Standard Opening Hours of the Premises

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

Alcohol is supplied for consumption off the Premises

Name, (registered) address of holder of premises licence

Mr Ismail Osman Iliyaz

[redacted]

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

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Mr Ismail Osman Iliyaz

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

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Wellington Market
New St
The William Withering
Duke St
Crown St
Bell St
Espley Cl
Victoria Mews
Victoria Ave
Wellington
Medical Practice
King St
Regent St
Sparkles
Telford Central Mosque
Walker St
Tan Bank
National Cycle Rte 81
High St
St John St
New Hall Rd
45
Wellington Civic
& Leisure Centre
Barnes Court
School Ct
Lowe Ct
Union Rd
Rushen Ct
Wellington Police Station
Glebe St
Danny's Barber
Wellington
Wrekin Rd
Roseway
Maddocks Ct
Mill Bank

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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.

Telford & Wrekin Council 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 in 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	
High Street Off Licence 45A High Street Wellington	
Post town Telford	**Post code (if known)** TF1 1JW

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Mr Ismail Osman ILIYAZ

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)
BTWPRM0629

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

	Please tick ✓ yes
1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)	☐
2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)	☒

3) 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 ✓ yes

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

Surname **First names**

Please tick ✓ yes

I am 18 years old or over ☐

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 Telford & Wrekin Council Trading Standards Darby House Lawn Central Telford TF3 4JA
Telephone number (if any) [redacted]
E-mail address (optional) [redacted]

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

	Please tick one or more boxes ✓
1) the prevention of crime and disorder	☒
2) public safety	☒
3) the prevention of public nuisance	☐
4) the protection of children from harm	☐

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

This review is being brought in respect of the 1st licensing objective: **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**.

1. The local weights and measures authority is a 'responsible authority' under the Licensing Act 2003, by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licenses and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005.

2. High Street Off Licence is a small mini market selling prepacked foods, household goods, alcohol and tobacco products. The premises has a licence to sell alcohol which was first issued on 23rd June 2011. The current licence was issued on 16th July 2019.

3. The premises is located at 45 High Street, Wellington.

4. **Mr Ismail Osman ILIYAZ** is the premises licence holder. He is also the designated premises supervisor (DPS).

5. **Lawand KAKAHMAD** of [redacted] Coventry is registered with Environmental Health as the Food Business Operator.

6. High Street Telford Limited (company number 17318440) with a registered office of 45 High Street, Wellington was incorporated at Companies House on 3rd July 2026. This is the same address as the shop location. The director of the business is **Lawand Wali KAKAHMAD**.

7. Despite this new limited company being incorporated, no application to change licensee or DPS has been received by Telford & Wrekin Council, meaning that **Ismail Osman ILIYAZ** remains premises licence holder and DPS.

8. The annual licence fees have been paid by several different people since 2021:

   2025 – payment made by Mr **Kasim ALI** of [redacted].
   2024 – payment made by **Lawani KAKAHMED**, giving 45 High Street as his address
   2023 & 2021 – payment made by **Mr Y KIAANI** of [redacted]

2022 – payment made via BACS transfer (no other details)
2021 – payment made by **Sibli ULKU**

9. The liable party in respect of payment of Business Rates is Mr **Sibli ULKU**. He has been liable in his sole name since 19/09/2024, however, there was a previous liability in the name of Sibli ULKU T/A High Street Off Licence with a liability which ran from 30/06/2014 until 24/09/2020. Then from 25/09/2020 until 18/09/2024, the liability was in the name of Caner Off Licence Limited 12907073. **Sibli ULKU** was the sole director of this company. Therefore, he appears to have an active association with the premises dating as far back as 2014.

10. Since 2016, this premises has been associated with the sale of illicit cigarettes and tobacco products. Listed below are details of test purchases and seizures made by Trading Standards and HMRC from the shop.

    - 10th August 2016 – 757 packets of not duty paid cigarettes were seized
    - 19th August 2016 – a packet of non-duty paid Marlboro cigarettes were test purchased.
    - 2nd September 2016 – 3 packs of non-duty paid Marlboro Gold cigarettes were purchased.
    - 1st February 2018 – 875 packets of cigarettes and 8.15kg of tobacco were seized by HMRC along with 7.7litres of spirits and 3,482 litres of beer. This represented £7,431 in lost duty. As a result of this **Sibli ULKU** was prosecuted by HMRC and fined £400 and £175 costs.
    - 30th April 2019 – packet of 50g hand rolling tobacco test purchased. This was sent for examination and found to be counterfeit. The sale of such a product represents an offence under the Trade Marks Act 1994.
    - 13th June 2019 – 104 packets of cigarettes and 22 packets of tobacco were seized from the premises. Some of the cigarettes were not in plain packaging. **Ismail Osman ILYAZ** was present in the shop when these goods were seized, although at the time he was not the DPS or Premises Licence holder – that was **Sibli ULKU**. Samples of the seized goods were sent for examination and found to be counterfeit.

The possession of these goods represents offences under the Trade Marks Act 1994 and the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015.

- 17th July 2019 - 73 packets of cigarettes and 23 packets of hand rolling tobacco seized from shop. Ismail Osman ILYAZ was DPS and License holder at this date.
- 21st June 2021 – packet of Amber Leaf test purchased. Price paid £6.00.
- 3rd March 2026 – a packet of Lambert & Butler cigarettes test purchased from shop for £5.00. Seller sourced these by going out the back of the shop and going to a car parked at the rear.
- 4th March 2026 – 641 packets of cigarettes and 5.85kg of hand rolling tobacco seized from Ford KA parked directly behind High Street Off Licence.
- 25th March 2026 – a packet of illicit cigarettes was sold from the shop. The seller made a phone call to someone called 'Yousef'. Cigarettes were delivered to the rear of the shop.
- 23rd September 2026 – a packet of illegal cigarettes was sold from the shop. The price paid was £7.50. The cigarettes were not in plain packaging and bore health warnings written in a foreign language (Polish).

11. A warning letter was sent to **Sibli ULKU** regarding the seizure of illegal cigarettes from June 2019. Shortly after this seizure, the DPS and Premises Licence holder changed to **Ismail Osman ILYAZ**, who still holds these posts.

12. A warning letter was sent to **Ismail Osman ILYAZ** following the seizure in July 2019. He remains the licence holder at this premises.

13. A further warning letter has been sent to **Mr IlYAZ** on 21st September 2026 (2 days before a packet of illegal cigarettes was sold).

14. The cigarettes and tobacco seized from the premises over the past 10 years are illegal and were not allowed to be sold in the UK. There is a very real possibility that these goods were smuggled into the country. The seized tobacco products are either:

(a) Counterfeit goods,
(b) Non-duty paid goods or
(c) Illicit brands (cigarettes specifically made for the illegal market).

Section 144 of the Licensing Act 2003 prohibits smuggled goods from being kept in a licensed premises.

15. It is a criminal offence under Section 92 of the Trade Marks Act to possess in the course of a business goods which bear an illegal copy of a registered trade mark.

16. **Summary:**

- Since 2016, this business has been involved in the sale of illegal cigarettes and tobacco. This activity has continued despite apparent changes to the business owners. Seizures from March 2026 and subsequent test purchases would strongly indicate that this business has not and will not change the way it operates.
- Sibli ULKU continues to be associated with this business. He has been convicted of offences relating to illegal tobacco.
- This business does not appear to have an active or effective DPS.
- The Home Office publishes guidance under Section 182 of The Licensing Act 2003. The latest guidance (published February 2026) states at paragraph 11.27:

  There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises … for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

17. **Action Requested**:
Further to paragraph 11.27 of the Section 182 guidance, paragraph 11.28 states:

It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are

responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered.

Given that the business has displayed conduct consistent with a total disregard for the licensing objectives, Telford & Wrekin Council Trading Standards seek a revocation of the alcohol licence in line with current Government Guidance.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Trading Standards are a responsible authority under the Licensing Act. Paragraph 16.8 of the Telford & Wrekin Council Licensing Policy (effective date 26 January 2026) explicitly addresses the issue of illegal tobacco and advises that revocation of licence may be an appropriate course of action:

The sale of illicit, counterfeit and non-duty paid tobacco products is having a very serious impact of the local economy. Legitimate retailers are struggling to compete with the minority of dishonest traders who operate within the shadow economy. These dishonest traders are making large profits by selling cheap illicit tobacco.

Additionally, the availability of cheap tobacco products undermines the national policy of maintaining high duty rates for tobacco products with the aim to improve public health. Cheap tobacco is also more accessible to children. The lack of the legally required health warnings in English further undermines public health objectives.

Genuine cigarettes have an in-built safety feature which causes them to self-extinguish when the smoker stops inhaling. This is a key fire safety feature which was implemented to prevent fires occurring from unattended cigarettes. Illicit cigarettes do not contain this fire safety feature resulting in an increased risk of fires occurring.

National intelligence suggests that the trade in illegal tobacco is often linked to more serious crime such as terrorism, human trafficking, prostitution and the sale of drugs. The trade in illegal tobacco is believed to be seen as a low-risk way of making money to help fund more serious crime.

Where the licensing authority is conducting a review on the grounds that the premises have been used for criminal purposes, the S 182 guidance states its role is “solely to determine what steps should be taken in connection with the

premises licence, for the promotion of the crime prevention objective". In addition it is the Licensing Authority's duty to take such steps which are in the interests of the wider community and not those of the individual licence holder. The guidance identifies certain criminal activity which should be treated as being particularly serious – this includes the use of licensed premises for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined it is expected that revocation of the licence, even in the first instance, should be seriously considered.

In the case of Crown (Bassetlaw District Council) v Worksop Magistrates Court 2008, it was held that the powers under section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 to revoke an alcohol licence can be used as a deterrent when criminal offences have been committed.

It is a criminal offence under the Trade Marks Act 1994 and the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 to have illicit and / or counterfeit tobacco on the premises with a view to supply. Furthermore under section 144 of the Licensing Act 2003, it is an offence to knowingly keep, or allow to be kept, any goods on a licensed premises which have been imported without payment of duty.

The creation of the concealments demonstrates the business's determination to carry out its illegal activity. Given that the business has no respect for the law and a total disregard for the licensing objectives, Trading Standards strongly recommend a revocation of the alcohol licence in order to act as a strong deterrent to others.

	Please tick ✓ yes
Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before	☐

If yes please state the date of that application

Day		Month		Year			

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

No previous representations have been made relating to this premises.

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 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature …… [redacted] ……

Date **07 / 10 /2026**
……

Capacity **Trading Standards Compliance Officer**
……

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6) Dominic JONES Telford & Wrekin Council Trading Standards Darby House Lawn Central	
Post town Telford	**Post Code** TF3 4JA
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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Telford & Wrekin COUNCIL

Representation in respect of Review of a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

Please read the following instructions first

Representations **must** be made to the Licensing Authority in writing.

Failure to observe the requirements may invalidate it.

You are not obliged to use this form to make a representation and you may make a representation by letter if you wish. This form is intended to assist you.

- If you are completing this form by hand, please print.
- Please ensure your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink.
- You may use additional sheets if necessary.
- You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for use by you at any hearing held by the Council or the Magistrates Court as a result of this representation.

I/we, the undersigned, hereby make representation, in respect of an application for Review of a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate

Details of premises or club premises:	
Name of Premises/Club	**High Street Off Licence**
Address	**45A HIGH STREET WELLINGTON**
Post code	**TF1 1JW**

Details	
I confirm that I am (Please tick one only)**:**	
1) An interested party (as defined below)	
a) A person living in the vicinity of the premises (please complete section A below)	
b) A body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises (Please complete section B below)	
c) A person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises (please complete section A below)	
d) A body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises (please complete section B below)	
2) A responsible authority (please complete section C below)	X

If you do not fall into one of the above categories you may not be entitled to make a representation.

Section A - Details of Individual	
Title	
Surname	
Forenames	
Address	
Post code	
Daytime Telephone	
E-mail (optional)	

Section B - Details of a Body Making Representations	
Name of person completing form	
Name of Body	
Address	
Post code	
Daytime Telephone	
E-mail (optional)	

Section C - Details of Responsible Authority Making Representations

Contact Name	PC 3484 Sharon MAJOR
Name of Authority	West Mercia Police
Address of Authority	MALINSGATE Police Station MALINSGATE TELFORD
Post code	TF3 4HW
Contact Telephone	[redacted]
Email	[redacted]

This representation relates to the following licensing objectives(s)
(Just ticking a box does not constitute a valid representation. The grounds of the representation **must** be described also and must relate to one or more of these objectives.)

Please tick one or more boxes *	
1) The prevention of crime and disorder	X
2) Public safety	
3) The prevention of public nuisance	
4) The protection of children from harm	

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Please state the ground(s) for the representation and how it relates to one or more of the licensing objectives.
If the grounds are not set out below or on an accompanying sheet this representation will be deemed invalid. (Please use additional blank sheets if necessary) On behalf of West Mercia Police, I fully support the review hearing of the above-mentioned premises. I have attended the premises on several occasions over the past few years whereby Trading Standards have located and seized suspected counterfeit tobacco. The sale and distribution of counterfeit tobacco is widely recognised as being linked to serious and organised crime and undermines the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

The repeated discovery of suspected illicit tobacco products demonstrates a continuing disregard for legal requirements In my view, this ongoing behaviour highlights a clear lack of respect for the law and raises significant concerns regarding the management and operation of the premises. I do not have confidence that the premises licence holder can be relied upon to uphold the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder. Considering the above, I fully support the revocation of the premises licence as being both appropriate and proportionate in the circumstances.

Please tick	
• I understand that this representation will be put before a Licensing Sub-Committee and if the decision of that Sub-Committee is appealed against, a hearing in the Magistrate's Court.	x
• I understand that this representation may become a public document, that a full copy will be sent to the applicant and that it will be scrutinised by members of the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing that will be held.	x

It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this representation. This is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of up to £5,000.

This representation must be signed by:

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- a person authorised to do so by
- a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises or
- a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity
- of the premises, or
- a person authorised to do so by a Responsible Authority.

Signed ……Sharon MAJOR…… Date ……14.10.2026……

Print Name…PC 3484 Sharon MAJOR……..

Address for correspondence
Contact address (if different)

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Section C - Details of Responsible Authority Making Representations

Contact Name	Ross Williams
Name of Authority	Telford & Wrekin Licensing
Address of Authority	Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford
Post code	TF3 4JA
Contact Telephone	[redacted]
Email	nighttimeeconomy@telford.gov.uk

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If the grounds are not set out below or on an accompanying sheet this representation will be deemed invalid. (Please use additional blank sheets if necessary) On behalf of Telford & Wrekin Licensing, I fully support the review of the premises licence for the above-mentioned premises. Over a number of years, Night Time Economy Officers have attended the premises on a number of occasions as part of joint enforcement operations, during which Trading Standards officers have identified and seized suspected counterfeit tobacco products. The sale and distribution of counterfeit tobacco, together with other forms of illicit trading, are commonly associated with criminal activity and directly undermine the licensing objectives, most notably the prevention of crime and disorder. Such findings raise serious concerns regarding the integrity, competence, and suitability of those responsible for

the management of the premises.

The continual discovery of suspected illicit tobacco products, during multiple joint enforcement operations, demonstrates an ongoing failure to comply with legal and regulatory requirements. This repeated conduct suggests a persistent disregard for the law and gives rise to significant concerns about the standards of management and oversight exercised at the premises.

In my view, the frequency and nature of these incidents substantially undermine confidence in the ability of the Premises Licence Holder to consistently promote and uphold the licensing objectives. Furthermore, the apparent inability to make contact with the Designated Premises Supervisor raises additional concerns regarding the effective management, supervision, and accountability of the premises.

Having reviewed the evidence and circumstances presented, I am satisfied that revocation of the premises licence is both an appropriate and proportionate response. Accordingly, I fully support the revocation of the licence as a necessary measure to promote the licensing objectives and safeguard the wider public interest.

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Signed …  …… Date ……04.11.2026……

Print Name…Ross Williams

Address for correspondence
Contact address (if different)
Post code
Contact number
E-mail (optional)

All representations must be made by sending this form to:

Licensing
Telford & Wrekin Council
Addenbrooke House
Ironmasters Way
Telford
TF3 4NT

- The form must arrive within the period of 28 consecutive days as stipulated in the public notices posted at the Council offices, the premises subject to review and on the Council web site.

- In the case of representations following a closure order this period is 7 days after the day on which the Licensing Authority received the notice under section 165(4) of the Act.

Representations received after these times will be deemed invalid.

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Owen, Helen

From: IE Licensing and Compliance Applications <IE.licensing.applications@homeoffice.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 October 2026 12:26
To: Licensing Team; Fire Service Licensing (licensingapplications@shropshirefire.gov.uk); Health Protection Food Team; Health Protection Hub; Independent safeguarding BSO's; Night Time Economy; planning.enforcement; Police licensing (alcohol.licensing@westmercia.police.uk); IE Licensing and Compliance Reviews
Subject: RE: RA Review: High Street Off Licence - 45A High Street , Wellington, Telford TF1 1JQ

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Good afternoon,

Having searched our databases, we can find no record of any Immigration offences in relation to the above premises, therefore Immigration Enforcement will not be making any representations at this time.

Regards

Phil Thomas

Immigration Enforcement Licensing Compliance Team (IELCT)
Interventions Sanctions & Compliance (ISC)
Enforcement Compliance and Crime
Immigration Enforcement
6th Floor, 2 Ruskin Square, Dingwall Road, Croydon, CR0 2WF

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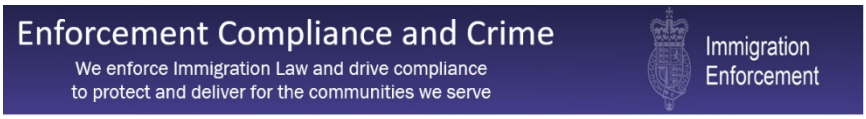

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Daud, Tayyibah

From: Skilton, Matthew
Sent: 27 October 2026 16:19
To: Licensing Team
Subject: RE: Review of Premises Licence Application

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your query.

Planning records indicate that the premises has planning permission for retail use. Having reviewed the available planning history, no breach of planning control has been identified that would be relevant to the current review application.

Therefore, Planning has no representation to make in respect of the review.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Matt

Matthew Skilton
FRSA CIHM MFB
Planning Assistant
Prosperity & Investment
Telford & Wrekin Council
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