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Lincolnshire Police

Licensing Act 2003 – Premises Licence Representation

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Sgt Ian Cotton
Your Address:	Licensing Sergeant Lincolnshire Police Myle Cross Partnership Centre Macauley Drive, Lincoln LN2 4EN

Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Newton Convenience Store
Address of Premises:	16 St. Catherines Road Grantham
Application No:	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:		
1	Prevention of Crime and Disorder	X
2	Public Safety	
3	Prevention of Public Nuisance	X
4	Protection of Children from Harm	

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>In relation to this application, the following Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 has been considered –</p> <p>From Section 9.2 - The police should be the licensing authority's main source of advice on matters relating to the promotion of the crime and disorder licensing objectives.....The licensing authority should accept all reasonable and proportionate representations made by the police unless the authority has evidence that to do so would not be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Police received an application for a new premises licence for a premises trading as Newton Convenience Store, 16 St Catherines Road, Grantham. The premises is to operate as a convenience store.</p> <p>The licence is requested for off sales of alcohol from 07:00hrs to 23:00hrs 7 days a week.</p> <p>The applicant is Rajaratnam Prapaharan who has applied to be both the premises licence holder and the designated premises supervisor.</p>

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The application was received by Lincolnshire Police on 25th July 2022 through Licensing Agent Frank Fender of FJF Licensing Consultants who has been very constructive throughout this process.

The premises has never been a convenience store and it sits within the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) of Grantham. The PSPO has alcohol control measures within it to combat street drinking which has been a serious nuisance to law abiding members of the community in Grantham.

The conditions proposed for the licence were all proportionate and well thought out. As the premises is within the alcohol control area of the town I requested a condition to work with licensing authorities to tackle street drinking. After discussion with the agent the conditions proposed were:

"The premises licence holder will actively engage with and work with the local Police and Council Licensing Teams in respect of initiatives designed to address local street drinking cultures and associated anti-social behaviours by such persons".

"A litter pick of the outside area of the shop will be performed daily by staff at the premises."

Rajaratnam Prapaharan has refused to accept the condition above highlighted in yellow. On speaking with him he stated that he was happy to help authorities but felt that it would be unfair if he was the only store in the area with this condition.

I have explained that it would be my intention to support the local council in tackling this public nuisance and the crime it creates by entering the condition onto all alcohol licences within the alcohol control zone when they came up for review/renegotiation or new licences but could not change them all at this time. I stated that we have to start somewhere with regards to supporting the council and influencing retailers. I also stated that this would not be a blanket measure and specific intelligence would be used when requesting any of the initiatives.

Historically such schemes to tackle ASB and street drinking have been:

No sales of High ABV beers/cider.

Labelling of alcohol – to show where drinkers have been purchasing alcohol.

No single can purchase of alcohol.

No sales to identified problem street drinkers

I have also taken advice from the Senior Neighbourhoods Officer, Neighbourhoods Team, South Kesteven District Council who has stated that street drinking in the St. Peters Hill area of Grantham is becoming an issue again. *"We have had a significant increase of people congregating on St. Peter's Hill, within the PSPO, drinking alcohol."*

I would also seek to have this written into the next Council Licensing Policy when it comes up for renewal.

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The people of Grantham deserve to enjoy the town centre without being subject to the anti-social behaviour that comes with street drinking. Retailers have a great responsibility in selling alcohol and I hope that this condition would put community at the centre of thinking rather than profit.

Despite reassurance Rajaratnam Prapaharan has refused the condition so I come to the committee to discuss the condition and whether they would support the condition on this and future similar licences within the PSPO area to help tackle those issues in the town.

