

# Agenda



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## Licensing Sub Committee

Tuesday, 16 June 2026 at 11.30 am,  
QER, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington

### Membership

Chair: (to be determined at the meeting)

Councillors Judith Addison, Stewart Eaves and Melissa Fisher

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence, Substitutions, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** (Pages 3 - 14)

The Minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 are submitted for approval as correct records.

**Recommended – That the Minutes be received and approved as correct records.**

3. **Licensing Hearing Procedure** (Pages 15 - 22)

NOTE: The purpose of the meeting is to hold a hearing under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings Regulations) 2005, details of which will be published as soon as they are available.

Procedure Note attached.



**4. Review of Premises Licence - Nawaz Food Stores and Off Licence** *(Pages 23 - 58)*

To advise elected members of the details of a review of a premise licence in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

The report is attached.

**Recommended - That the Sub-Committee make a determination under the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.**

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## LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

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**Thursday, 27th February, 2025**

**Present:** Councillor Clare Yates (in the Chair), Councillors Shabir Fazal OBE and Andy Gilbert

### Apologies

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#### **355 Apologies for absence, Substitutions, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no apologies, substitutions, declarations of interest or dispensations declared at the meeting.

#### **356 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee, held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024, were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Resolved – That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

#### **357 Licensing Hearing Procedure**

#### **358 Licensing Act 2003 Determination Hearing - Giewont , 192 Blackburn Road, Accrington.**

In accordance with the Hyndburn Borough Council policy on the conduct of Hearings and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the Licensing Manager, Mrs Wendy Redfern, advised the Licensing Sub Committee of the details of an application for the grant of a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 (The Act).

The Sub Committee were requested to make a determination on the licence required under section 18 of The Act.

A copy of the Licensing Authority's Conduct of Hearings had been circulated prior to the meeting with the agenda.

The Licensing Manager reported that the applicant had been invited to the meeting and declined to attend, the Committee decided to proceed in their absence.

The Licensing Manager provided the Committee with information on the application for a premises licence for Giewont, 192 Blackburn Road, Accrington under Diar Abobakr Abdolrahmanpour.

The application was to allow the sale of alcohol from the premises for consumption off the premises between 8am to midnight daily.

A copy of the application was attached at Appendix 1.

The stores previous licence was revoked by the Licensing Sub Committee at a review hearing in November 2024 under a different licensee due to Trading Standards seizing a large quantity of illegal vapes and tobacco products.

Following this, an application was submitted to transfer the licence to Mr Abdolrahmanpour, the current applicant from the licence holder at the time, however, the Police submitted an objection to the transfer and the application was withdrawn.

Please note item 5.7 within the report was to be disregarded.

The Police and Trading Standards made representations at the meeting.

PC Phil Needham read out his statement, which covered the objection for the premises licence under the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety licensing objectives. Mr Abdolrahmanpour has another business in Wolverhampton and on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Police seized illicit tobacco products. Mr Abdolrahmanpour had also applied for the licence for Giewont, previously on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024, which was withdrawn due to the links of the sale of illicit tobacco products in Wolverhampton.

The statement from Trading Standards was presented by Lauren Manning. Lancashire Council Trading Standards documented the reasoning on the objection to the application for a premises licence at Giewont for Mr Abdolrahmanpour. A review on the premises licence for Giewont was applied for by Trading standards on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 due to illicit tobacco being seized from the premises and alcohol had been sold to an officer outside of the permitted hours. The hearing was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and the Licensing Sub Committee decided to revoke the premises licence. Lancashire Trading Standards objected to this licence requested based on the history of Mr Abdolrahmanpour's history of being involved in illicit tobacco. Wolverhampton Trading Standards seized illegal tobacco, vapes and cash from the premises in Wolverhampton on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and as reported above the local police seized illicit tobacco from the premises on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

It was the opinion of Lancashire Trading Standards that the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective would be undermined if the the licence was granted.

The Committee Members had a discussion with the Police and Trading Standards on the evidence submitted.

**Resolved - In accordance with Section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, that, the Premise Licence should not be granted. The Committee felt that the evidence submitted at the meeting by Lancashire County Council, Trading Standards and the Police had been compelling and this had given significant weight to the making of the decision. The Committee also agreed the following when making their decision:**  
**The poor history of the premises**  
**The poor history of the applicant**  
**The illegal activity that has taken place**  
**The lack of trust in the premises license applicant**  
**The undermining of the licensing objectives to prevent public crime and disorder and public safety.**

Signed:.....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
At which the minutes were confirmed

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## LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

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**Thursday, 6th March, 2025**

**Present:** Councillor Clare Yates (in the Chair), Councillors Stephen Button and Danny Cassidy

**Apologies** None

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**374 Apologies for absence, Substitutions, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no apologies of absence, substitutions, declarations of interest or dispensations.

**375 Licensing Hearing Procedure**

**376 Application for Review of Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003**

The Chair read out the procedure for the committee and outlined the purpose of the hearing and the premises to which it relates, and introductions were made around the table at the start of the meeting. The following people were present:

Cllr Clare Yates, Chair  
Cllr Stephen Button  
Cllr Danny Cassidy  
Daniel Hoyle, Solicitor  
Wendy Redfern, Licensing Manager  
Paul Thwaites, Environmental Protection Manager  
Adam Birkett, Head of Planning and Transportation  
Applicant  
Representative 2  
Representative 3  
Representative 4  
Gill Sherrat, ASFC Representative, Licensing Matters  
Warren Eastham, ASFC Director  
Karen Gettins, ASFC Events Manager  
Lesley Goodall, Millar Goodhall Acoustics

There were 3 representatives that did not attend and the committee agreed to proceed in their absence.

It was agreed by the committee to allow those other persons (other than a representative) to appear at the hearing as requested by the ASFC Representative.

It was agreed by the committee to hold the meeting in public.

The Licensing Manager presented the application for review of the premises licence for Accrington Stanley Football Club, Livingstone Road, Accrington under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. A person other than a responsible authority, namely a resident living in the vicinity of the premises, submitted the review application.

The premises was first issued with a licence in June 2007. The licence at the time covered an older smaller building on the grounds of the club. The licence had been subject to several variations and covers the whole of the club grounds including the building that was erected in March 2022, which incorporates Coleys Bar and the 1968 Lounge.

Accrington Stanley Football Club holds the current licence and the current Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is David Presley Burgess.

The licensable activity was listed in 3.5 of the report and a copy of the current licence was attached at Appendix 1.

The application was received on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, and then the application was amended and accepted on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The grounds for the review is that the following licensing objective is in danger of not being upheld: - The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

A copy of the amended review application was attached at Appendix 2.

The application was advertised on the Council's website and representation had to be made by the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The representations were attached at Appendix 3 in the report.

Members were informed of the Live Music Act 2012 and how it affects the condition on the licence, all the information was listed at 4.6 of the report.

A google earth map was attached at Appendix 5 in the report. Members were then presented with the options on how to progress the determining of the application once all representations had been heard.

The applicant spoke to the committee and the following points were raised:

I requested this application for a Licensing Review for the function rooms due to the public nuisance.

Since March 2022 there has been major problems as the floor space is over a wider space than what planning permission was granted for.

There has been no attempt to install the insulation within the building.

A noise abatement order was put in place but no action taken by Hyndburn Borough Council.

The Planning inspectorate gave Accrington Stanley a financial claim at the appeal.

Accrington Stanley do not want to work with the residents and it should not have had to come to this.

There are daytime events taking place now.

The worst event to date was the bingo night on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

The building needs soundproofing.

The Council's ward Councillors and Paul Thwaites have been a good support to the residents.

It feels like groundhog day and that Accrington Stanley have a free pass with Hyndburn Borough Council, it's all one sided.

I received the email from Gill Sherrat yesterday (with a list of licence conditions being proposed by ASFC), which I wish I had 2 years ago.

The fear of conditions being imposed is them not being acted on if any conditions are broken.

Representative 2 spoke to the committee and raised the following points:

My representation in the agenda was quite long so I will not go through it all, however this has been 3 years of suffering.

Article 8 states that everyone has the right to respect human rights.

I should be able to read a book, make dinner, watch TV and have my home as a sanctuary.

I have had more strangers in my bedroom completing noise tests than loved ones.

The noise has affected my mental health, with stress; I do not live for the weekends anymore.

I work in Manchester and have studied whilst working which I am surprised I have completed.

I have to sleep on the sofa.

My Mother is a nurse; she cannot unwind or relax after work due to the noise and it has caused sleep deprivation.

I have a lot of respect for Paul Thwaites in Environmental Health.

I feel the proposed conditions are insulting, the building is not compatible, needs soundproofing, and this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> summer of hell.

*(A sound recording was played to the committee, having previously been circulated to all parties as part of the submitted representation, that was recorded from the resident's house on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.)*

All noise complaints had been logged through the noise app provided by Hyndburn Borough Council, there was 114 in total.

Representative 3 spoke to the committee and raised the following points:

I have lived next to Accrington Stanley for 27 years and should not have to suffer this noise, it is really bad.

The 2 representatives that have spoken have done this review justice, we do not want to close Accrington Stanley Football Club down. They should have done what was needed in the first place.

Representative 4 chose not to speak to the committee

Mr Adam Birkett, Head of Planning and Transportation presented his report to the committee:

Adam Birkett read out the Planning report that was in the report at page 173.

He outlined the original planning permission in October 2020, the non-compliance with approved plans in March 2022, the change in use and noise nuisance complaints during March-October 2022, the noise abatement notice in October 2022, the second 'retrospective' planning application in March 2023 and the Accrington Stanley Football Club's appeal and dismissal during April to September 2024.

Accrington Stanley Football Club are in breach of Planning regulations to this day, the venue has demonstrated an inability to comply with noise mitigation measures, repeated breaches of the noise abatement notice and failure to adequately manage noise impact on local residents.

The contact with the Planning department has been limited from the football club, although recently there had been an intention to submit a further planning application, which would be welcomed.

Mr Paul Thwaites, Environmental Protection Manager presented his report to the committee:

Paul Thwaites read out the Licence review report that was in the report at page 79. He covered the following; the background facts of Coleys Bar and the 1968 Lounge, the venue opening in March 2022 and the start of the complaints due to noise, post abatement notices, 16 breaches of the notices were witnessed, the Council did work with the Club and 6 meetings took place to try and resolve the issues.

There had been a number of noise assessments and reports produced as follows:  
Artnovion noise report February 2023 – attached at page 115 of the report.  
Wardle Armstrong noise report July 2023 – attached at page 125 of the report.  
Hann Tucker noise report January 2024 – attached at page 133 of the report.  
ASFC noise management plan January 2024 – attached at page 167 of the report.

Mr Thwaites summarised the licence review to the committee, there had been 9 complainants, 54 dates of noise nuisance complaints, 29 out of hours visits responding to complaints by the night-time noise service and since the abatement noise was served there had been 16 witnessed breaches. The premises is operating without planning permission, and the ASFC noise management plan does not appear to be effective at controlling the noise nuisance. The Environmental Health department are awaiting the Miller Goodall noise assessment report from December 2024 to move forward with a solution for ASFC.

The Chair requested when the Miller Goodall report would be available, Lesley Goodall responded by the end of next week. Then a few options would be put forward to the club following the results of the report.

Mrs Gill Sherrat, Representing the Premises Licence Holder Accrington Stanley Football Club spoke to the committee:

Mrs Sherrat spoke to the committee on behalf of the club, the club understood why this had been brought to a hearing and that it has been a problem for just short of 3 years. It is significant to the club and the failings that have occurred which the club accept and do not dispute. The clubs financial status was discussed and although the financial impact to the club is relevant the club accepted that this had to come secondary to the residents. The task today was to make a decision and resolve the issues, we are confident as a club we can do this and we have dug deep to sort the problems out.

Mrs Sherrat introduced Warren Eastham, Director of ASFC, new to the club from September 2024, Karen Gettins, Events Manager of ASFC and Lesley Goodall from Miller Goodall, Acoustic specialist.

The club offered volunteered conditions to the committee and these were circulated around the table, these included a reduction of hours, the use of rooms, the noise levels, events and regulated entertainment, match day events, monitoring of noise, use and monitoring of outside areas, communication and a change of Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).

The club resisted the licence being revoked and discussed there being no problems with alcohol, the police had only been called out once to the club in 3 years. The noise nuisance is the concern, the club had been working hard in the background to resolve it, the proof, and advice from the Miller Goodall report showed it was not good enough. Mrs Sherrat then offered to the committee on behalf of the club the removal of all live and recorded music with the exception of match days (23 times per year) to all be suspended until the remedial work on the building to properly soundproof it is completed to the satisfaction of Council officers. The second element would be to revise the licence conditions so on match days

the limitation of hours for live and recorded music would be 12 noon to 19.30pm, the management of outside areas would be improved significantly as historically this had not worked. There would also be a change of DPS as the current DPS David Burgess is due to retire and the club would like Karen Gettins to step up alongside her events manager role.

Mrs Sherrat understood there is an element of trust with the club going forward now; they want to work together with what conditions are applied and look at the wider issues with Planning.

Warren Eastham, ASFC Director, spoke to the committee:

Mr Eastham informed the committee the last event that took place was on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Following the volunteered conditions put forward, if accepted the club would then seek a fully costed proposal to implement what is necessary to release us from the conditions if imposed and this would need to be financed and agreed by Andrew Holt.

The Chair asked the applicant and the representative for a summary and they were as follows:

Applicant

On the match days the music is in different buildings, I have lived here all this time and up until 3 years ago did not have an issue with the music. The buildings have no soundproofing even if it finishes at 7.30pm. On Monday evening a variation of music was played until 11pm, there are notes in the Planning description that the venue has changed. I have not really had time to digest the volunteered conditions as they were presented at this meeting.

Mrs Gill Sherratt

This is an emotive issue; it is not difficult to digest as the conditions offered remove the problem completely. There is plenty of evidence provided about the noise disruption. The club needs the match days, it is a football club, they need this financial income, supporters having a drink and enjoying it is what matters please allow them that 1 part.

The Chair concluded the committee and informed everyone a decision would be made within the 5-day ruling, due to the important and complex application.

**Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003, and after considering all of the representations made, the Licensing Sub-Committee resolved:**

**That in accordance with section 177(4) of the Licensing Act 2003 the conditions set out below should be attached to the licence:**

**In accordance with section 177A(3) of the Licensing Act 2003 the exemption under section 177A does not apply to the following conditions added to the premises licence, meaning that any music at the premises is to be treated as regulated entertainment licenced by the premises licence;**

- (1) All live and recorded music is prohibited at the premises, except on men's first team home league match days,**
  - a. Between the hours of 12:00 (midday) and 19:30,**
  - b. Not to be played at a volume higher than 80dB in the part of the premises known as 'Coleys Bar', and 85dB in the part of the premises**

known as 'The 1968 Lounge', and external noise limits at all residential boundaries to the premises not exceeding 46dB, LA<sub>eq,T</sub>, and,

- c. All music to be played through the premises' in-house sound systems which must be fitted with a noise limiter in each area of the premises capable of working effectively to the noise levels prescribed in point (1b) above. The noise limiter is to be fitted in a tamperproof box and any microphone in use is to be located in a suitable position, in line with manufacturer's guidance.
- (2) A suitably qualified person must undertake the monitoring of all noise emitted from the premises by the playing of live or recorded music and recorded on a regular basis (e.g. hourly), via a downloaded Decibel level App on a smartphone. Monitoring shall be inside the premises at suitable points and at the nearest receptor boundary, to ensure noise levels prescribed in point (1b) above are met. Any exceedances should be recorded and appropriate action taken to reduce the noise levels with immediate effect. Any exceedances should also result in the noise limiters being checked to ensure that they are operating correctly in accordance with manufacturer's guidance. Any such checks should be recorded and these records should be made available to the Council upon request.
  - (3) All external areas of the premises shall not be used for the consumption of alcohol after 22:00.
  - (4) Whilst any regulated entertainment, live or recorded music is taking place at the premises smoking is only permitted at the premises in the area designated for that purpose (on the turf side of the building).
  - (5) Whilst any regulated entertainment, live or recorded music is taking place at the premises there will be a minimum of 2 Door Supervisors on duty at the premises at all times. If there is an event in more than one area of the premises, 2 Door Supervisors shall be employed in each area, and Door Supervisors will be employed & remain on duty until at least 30 minutes after the event has finished, or until the last customers leave the premises including the car park.
  - (6) All Door Supervisors will be equipped with radios which will facilitate communication regarding the control of noise, the management of any anti-social behaviour and the efficient dispersal of customers at the end of the evening.
  - (7) A Dispersal Policy, the wording of which is to be agreed by the Councils Environmental Health Department, shall be implemented and adhered to regarding the control of noise, the management of any anti-social behaviour and the efficient dispersal of customers at the end of the evening.
  - (8) The Premises Licence Holder will regularly consult and engage in active discussions with local residents in the immediate vicinity of the premises regarding events at the premises and their experiences of them, and will endeavour to address any issues raised in the feedback received. All consultations and discussions held, feedback received and any action taken as a result, in accordance with this condition, will be documented by the Premises Licence Holder and such documentation shall be made available to the Council upon request.

The Committee also resolved to modify the hours of operation of the premises licence, as submitted by the Premises Licence Holder at the hearing, to the following:

The opening hours of the premises are;

Sunday to Friday from 10:00 to 23:30  
Saturday from 10:00 to 00:30

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities are;

All forms of regulated entertainment

Sunday to Friday from 11:00 to 22:30  
Saturday from 11:00 to 23:00

Late night refreshment

Saturday from 23:00 to 00:00

Supply of alcohol

Sunday to Friday from 10:00 to 23:00  
Saturday from 10:00 to 00:00

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee considered all of the evidence from the Applicant and all of those who had submitted Representations to them, and the Committee were satisfied beyond any doubt that the licensing objective for the prevention of public nuisance was not being upheld by the Premises Licence Holder, and that a public nuisance was repeatedly being caused to residents in the vicinity through noise emitted from the premises and the impact of events being held there, and the Committee noted that this was accepted by the Premises Licence Holder, and appreciated that this, along with the host of licence conditions proposed by the Premises Licence Holder, aided in the resolution of this matter.

All of the above conditions imposed on the premises licence by the Committees decision were offered by the Premises License Holder in the form that they appear or similar. The Committee does note that they were requested by the Premises Licence Holder to only impose condition (1) above for as long as it takes them to complete sound-proofing works to areas of the premises as required, to the satisfaction of Council officers. However, after hearing representations from the Premises Licence Holder that they do not know how long it will take for said works to be completed, the Committee felt that they were unable to impose such a condition for an unspecified period of time only. Nevertheless, the Committee wish to note that they would welcome an application from the Premises Licence Holder to vary the premises licence accordingly, once the sound-proofing works have been completed to the satisfaction of Council officers.

The Committee note that they were also invited by the Premises Licence Holder to impose a condition to appoint a new Designated Premises Supervisor ('DPS') for the premises. The Committee felt that to impose such a condition appointing a new DPS would fall outside of the possible steps that they could take under section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 in this particular case, but they wish to note that they would

welcome the appropriate application from the Premises Licence Holder to the Council for a change of the DPS at the premises.

After taking everything the Committee was presented with into consideration, and looking at the relevant legislation and statutory guidance, the Committee felt that revocation or suspension of the licence in its entirety would be a disproportionate step to take in order to deal with the prevention of public nuisance, and so the Committee have therefore resolved to modify the licence as set out above.

Signed:.....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
At which the minutes were confirmed

## HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

### LICENSING ACT 2003

#### PROCEDURE NOTE ON THE CONDUCT OF LICENSING HEARINGS

##### **1. Application**

- 1.1 Every hearing that is subject to the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings Regulations) 2005 (“the Regulations) will be held in accordance with the Regulations and this procedure.
- 1.2 References in this procedure to the “ Licensing Committee” shall unless indicated to the contrary include a reference to a Licensing sub Committee.

##### **2. Time of Hearing**

- 2.1 Hearings will commence within the appropriate period of time stipulated in the Regulations, and where the hearing is scheduled to take place on more than one day, it will whenever possible, take place on consecutive working days.
- 2.2 Hearings will commence at a time to be appointed by the Licensing Authority.

##### **3. Members of the Committee or Sub-Committee**

- 3.1 Where the full Licensing Committee sit to hear an application, the full Committee will sit, with the exception of any member who is excluding from participation under paragraph 3.3 below.
- 3.2 Where a Sub-Committee sit to hear an application, it will consist of 3 members of the full Committee. The sub committee must not include any member who is excluded from participation under paragraph 3.3 below
- 3.3 A member may not sit on either the Licensing Committee or the Licensing sub committee if he / she
  - a) has sat on a Planning Committee which has determined a planning application relating to the premises that are the subject of the licensing application under consideration and/or .

- b) has a personal and prejudicial interest in the licensing application and / or
  - c) has agreed to represent or support either the applicant or any interested party prior to the hearing.
- 3.4 Members will act in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. They will have received training under the Act and will also act in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of the Local Authority Co-coordinators of Regulatory Services Guidance on the Role of Elected Members in Relation to Licensing Committee Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003, the Hyndburn Borough Council Member codes of conduct and the requirements of the Standards Board for England and Wales.

#### **4. Preliminaries**

##### 4.1 The Chair of the Committee will

- a) outline the purpose of the hearing and the person or premises to which the hearing relates.
- b) ask every person appearing before the Committee to introduce themselves and where appropriate state who they represent.
- c) refer the parties to the procedures that the Committee will follow at the hearing.

In particular the Chair will clarify that;

- the hearing will take the form of a discussion led by the Chair and cross-examination will not be permitted unless the Committee considers that cross-examination is required for it to consider the representations, application or notice as the case may require.
- members of the Committee may ask a question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.

##### 4.2 The Chair of the Committee will ask the Licensing Manager to indicate

- a) whether or not any parties who do not appear before the Committee have made any representations.
- b) whether or not any person referred to in paragraph 4.2 a) above has indicated that they intend to be represented.
- c) whether or not any representations have been withdrawn
- d) whether or not any party has indicated that they consider a hearing to be unnecessary

- e) whether or not any person has requested permission for other persons (other than a representative) to appear at the hearing, and the points upon which that person may be able to give information or assistance.
- 4.3 Where a party has given notice that they do not intend to attend or be represented, the Committee will consider whether they wish to proceed in the absence of that party.
- 4.4 Where a party has not given such notice and has failed to attend or be represented, the Committee will then decide whether it is necessary in the public interest to adjourn the hearing to a specified date or hold the hearing in the party's absence. The Chair of the Committee may invite representations from parties present on this issue before making their decision.
- 4.5 Where a party wishes to introduce any documentary or other information that they have not produced in advance of the hearing, the Chair of the Committee will ask all other parties whether they consent to that evidence or information being introduced. If any party does object, that documentary or other information should not be introduced.
- 4.6 The Committee will then consider any requests made to call other persons under Paragraph 4.2(e) above, and shall not unreasonably withhold any such permission, having ensured that Paragraph 4.3 above is not undermined by such persons.

## **5. Hearings to be Held in Public**

- 5.1 Subject to this paragraph, the hearing shall take place in public although a member of the public, unless a party to the hearing a representative of a party, or a person mentioned under Paragraph 4.3(e) above, shall not be entitled to address the hearing.
- 5.2 The Chair of the Committee will invite any applications from parties present in relation to whether it is in the public interest to exclude the public from all or part of a hearing.
- 5.3 Where there are such representations, they will be heard in public and following these, the Committee will decide whether the public interest in excluding the public outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing taking place in public.
- 5.4 Where there are no representations under Paragraph 5.2 the hearing will take place in public. Where there are representations, the Committee's decision and reasons for it will be given in public, and the Committee will

also state whether any party or any persons assisting or representing a party are to be treated as a member of the public for this purpose.

## **6. The Hearing**

- 6.1 The Licensing Manager (who is not a party to the proceedings ) will outline the facts of the application and summarise the nature of the relevant representations that have been received
- 6.2 The Applicant will be invited by the Chair of the Committee to present their application.
- 6.3 Any objectors present will be invited by the Chair of the Committee to present their objections.
- 6.4 At the discretion of the Chair of the Committee a party may be allowed to ask questions of any of any other party
- 6.5 At the discretion of the Chair of the Committee the Solicitor to the Licensing Committee may ask a question of any party.

## **7. Adjournment of Hearing**

- 7.1 The Committee or Sub-Committee may adjourn a hearing to a specified date or arrange for the hearing to be held on specified additional dates where it considers this necessary to consider any representations or notice made by a party.

## **8. Determinations**

- 8.1 At the conclusion of the hearing the Committee may decide to consider its decision in private. The Chair will then invite everyone (with the exception of the committee administrator) to retire from the meeting room.
- 8.2 The Committee may at any time during the consideration of its decision invite the Solicitor to the Licensing Committee to provide confidential legal advice.
- 8.3 The Committee or Sub-Committee will make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing but in restricted circumstances may make a determination within a period of 5 working days of the last day of the hearing.

**9. Notice of Determination**

- 9.1 The Chair to the Committee will issue a written notice of determination in accordance with the Regulations

Column 1		Column 2
Provision under which hearing is held.		Period of time within which hearing must be commenced.
1.	Section 18(3)(a) (determination of application for premises licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 17(5)(c).
2.	Section 31(3)(a) (determination of application for a provisional statement).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 17(5)(c) by virtue of section 30.
3.	Section 35(3)(a) (determination of application to vary premises licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 17(5)(c) by virtue of section 34(5).
4.	Section 39(3)(a) (determination of application to vary premises licence to specify individual as premises supervisor).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which a chief officer of police may give notice under section 37(5).
5.	Section 44(5)(a) (determination of application for transfer of premises licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which a chief officer of police may give notice under section 42(6).
6.	Section 48(3)(a) (cancellation of interim authority notice following police objection).	5 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which a chief officer of police may give notice under section 48(2).
7.	Section 52(2) (determination of application for review of premises licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 51(3)(c).
8.	Section 72(3)(a) (determination of application for club premises certificate).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 71(6)(c).
9.	Section 85(3) (determination of application to vary club premises certificate).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 71(6)(c) by virtue of section 84(4).
10.	Section 88(2) (determination of application for review of club premises certificate).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period during which representations may be made as prescribed under section 87(3)(c).
11.	Section 105(2)(a) (counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice).	7 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which a chief officer of police may give a notice

		under section 104(2).
12.	Section 120(7)(a) (determination of application for grant of personal licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which the chief officer of police may give a notice under section 120(5).
13.	Section 121(6)(a) (determination of application for the renewal of personal licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which the chief officer of police may give a notice under section 121(3).
14.	Section 124(4)(a) (convictions coming to light after grant or renewal of personal licence).	20 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which the chief officer of police may give a notice under section 124(3).
15.	Section 167(5)(a) (review of premises licence following closure order).	10 working days beginning with the day after the day the relevant licensing authority receives the notice given under section 165(4).
16.	Paragraph 4(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application for conversion of existing licence).	10 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which a chief officer of police may give a notice under paragraph 3(2) or (3) of Schedule 8.
17.	Paragraph 16(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application for conversion of existing club certificate).	10 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which a chief officer of police may give a notice under paragraph 15(2) or (3) of Schedule 8.
18.	Paragraph 26(3)(a) of Schedule 8 (determination of application by holder of a justices' licence for grant of personal licence).	10 working days beginning with the day after the end of the period within which the chief officer of police may give a notice under paragraph 25(2) of Schedule 8.

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 53C OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003</b>
<b>TO:-</b>	<b>LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>AT:</b>	<b>QUEEN ELIZABETH ROOM, SCAITCLIFFE HOUSE, ACCRINGTON</b>
<b>BY:</b>	<b>SENIOR LICENSING OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)</b>

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an application for the review of the premises licence relating to Nawaz Food Stores and Off Licence, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington, BB5 0HG following the submission of an application under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") by a responsible authority namely Lancashire Constabulary.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the application to review the premises licence for Nawaz Food Store and Off Licence made by Lancashire Constabulary and any submissions made by the premises licence holder, and to make a determination within 5 days of the hearing.

## 3. INFORMATION

- 3.1 The premises was first issued with a licence in September 2005.
- 3.2 Mr Mohammed Nawaz nominated himself as the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) on the date of the licence in September 2005 and this is still the current position.
- 3.5 Nawaz Food Stores and Off Licence, 1, Edleston Street, Accrington, BB5 0HG is situated on a busy street in a mainly residential area. The premises benefits from the following licensable activity
- the Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises. Monday to Saturday 0800 to 2300 hours and Sunday 1000 to 2230 hours.

A copy of the current licence is attached at **Appendix 1** .

- 3.6 A review application was submitted by Lancashire Constabulary in respect of the premises licence on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. A hearing was held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and the decision was made to revoke the licence. The licence holder lodged an appeal, but an agreement was reached before a hearing took place, and the conditions in Annex 5 of the current licence were added.
- 3.7 On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 an application for the review of the premises licence pursuant to section 51 of the Act was received from Lancashire Constabulary. The ground for the review is that the licensing objectives relating to the Prevention of Crime and Disorder; Public Safety and the protection of children from harm. A copy of the review application is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.8 The applicant alleges that illegal tobacco and prescription medication were being sold at the premises.
- 3.9 On receipt of the application, the Licensing Manager attended the premises and undertook a compliance check and it was recorded that there were other breaches of the licence conditions.

#### **4.0 Advertisement**

- 4.1 The Licensing Authority advertised the application for review of the premises licence at Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, BB5 0PF, on the Council's website and on the premises itself in accordance with The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005.
- 4.2 Responsible Authorities and other persons were invited to make representations in respect of the application for the review of the premises licence by 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- 4.3 During the consultation period other representations were received from Lancashire Trading Standards and the Local Authority. Copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix 3**

#### **5.0 Implications**

- 5.1 The Act at section 52(2) and (3) states that, before determining the application, the licensing authority must hold a hearing to consider it and any relevant representations. It must, having regard to the application and any relevant representations, take such steps mentioned in section 52 (4) (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 5.2 The steps referred to in paragraph 5.1 above are:-
- a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
  - 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.

5.3 Where the licensing authority takes a step mentioned at a) or b) in paragraph 5.2 above in relation to the review, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

5.4 When making a decision the Authority must have regard to its own Licensing Policy as well as Home Office Guidance. The latest Home Office Guidance was issued in December 2022 and it sets out the following at paragraphs 11.27 and 11.28:-

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.

11.28 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.**

5.5 Any party to the hearing has the right of appeal to Lancashire Magistrates' Court following the determination of the review under section 52 of the Act.

For further information on the details of this report, please contact:

Mrs Karen G Hall, Senior Licensing Officer, Hyndburn Borough Council. Tel 01254 388111

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Part 1 - Premises Details

**POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION**

**Nawaz Food Stores and Off Licence**

1 Eddleston Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 0HG.

Telephone 01254 389066

**WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES**

Not applicable

**LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE**

- the sale by retail of alcohol

**THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES**

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
J. Sale by retail of alcohol for consumption	OFF the premises only		
	Monday to Saturday	8:00am	11:00pm
	Sunday	10:00am	10:30pm

**THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES**

Description	Time From	Time To
Not Applicable		

**WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES**

- J. Sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only

Part 2

**NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Mohammed Nawaz  
[Asifnawaz01254@gmail.com](mailto:Asifnawaz01254@gmail.com)

1 Eddleston Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 0HG.  
 Telephone 01254 389066 or 07873475946

**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 THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Mohammed NAWAZ

1 Eddleston Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 0HG.  
 Telephone 01254 389066 or 07873475946





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PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR  
WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. HYPA0111

Issued by Hyndburn

ANNEXES

**ANNEX 1 MANDATORY CONDITIONS**

**Mandatory Conditions where the licence authorises the sale of alcohol**

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

**Age Verification Policy - Mandatory Condition**

- (1) 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.
- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
- (3) 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.

**Alcohol Pricing**

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 purpose of the condition set out in paragraph 1-





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- (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcohol Liquor duties Act (1979)  
(b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -

$$P=D + (D \times V)$$

Where-

- (i) P is the permitted price  
(ii) 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  
(iii) 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 premise licence -
- (i) The holder of the premise licence  
(ii) The designated premise 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) "value 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**

Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours. In this condition, permitted hours mean:

- a. On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
b. On Sundays, other than Christmas Day, 10 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.





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- c. On Christmas Day, 12 noon to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
- d. On Good Friday, 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first twenty 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 the 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 or air forces;

Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in licensed premises

**ANNEX 3 - CONDITIONS ADDED FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE**

1. All sales of alcohol must be personally made by a personal licence holder, and sales may not be delegated to a person without that qualification. A record shall be kept of all personal licence holders authorised to sell alcohol. The record shall be available for inspection at the premises by the police or an authorised officer of a responsible authority at all times whilst the premises is open. Records shall be kept for a minimum period of 12 months following their creation.
2. All staff responsible for making sales of alcohol will undertake a refresher test at no less than annual intervals. The refresher test must be recorded and be accessible on the premises and made available for inspection upon request of a Police Officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority (in the case of online training) within 48 hours.
3. The age verification policy referred to in the mandatory conditions shall be a "Challenge 25" proof of identification policy, which will provide as a minimum:
  - that if a customer seeking to purchase alcohol appears to be 25 years or under, they will





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- be asked for proof of their age;
  - Examples of appropriate identification include a driving licence, passport, military ID or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram;
  - that posters and signs are to be prominently displayed around the Premises and on the front doors/windows informing customers that the 'Challenge 25' policy is in operation;
  - that signs are to be prominently displayed at any point of sale, indicating that it is an offence to buy, or attempt to buy, alcohol for a person under the age of 18.
4. A refusal log shall be kept detailing all refused sales of alcohol or any other age-restricted goods. The refusal log should include the date and time of the refused sale, the item refused to be sold, the reason for refusal and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The refusal log shall be regularly checked by the premises licence holder to ensure that it is being used by staff, and checks shall be recorded in the log. The refusals log shall be made available for inspection at the Premises by the police or an authorised officer of the licensing at all times whilst the Premises is open.
5. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital colour CCTV system which shall:
- cover all public areas of the licensed premises, including all public entry and exit points, and the street environment;
  - enable facial identification of every person entering the premises in any light condition;
  - continually record while the premises are open to the public;
  - keep recordings available and unedited for a minimum of 28 days with the date and time stamping.

A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be present on the premises at all times when they are open to the public and must be able to produce and download CCTV images upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority.





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**Premises Licence Summary**

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Premises Details

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**NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Mohammed Nawaz

1 Edleston Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 0HG.

**REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)**

**NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

Mohammed NAWAZ

**STATE WHETHER ACCESS TO THE PREMISES BY CHILDREN IS RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED**



**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 POLICE CONSTABLE 3539 NEEDHAM**

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premise licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below.**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> NAWAZ FOOD STORES AND OFF LICENCE	
<b>Post town</b> ACCRINGTON	<b>Post code (if known)</b> BB5 OHG

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> MOHAMMED NAWAZ
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> PL0047
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

- 1) an individual, body or business which is not 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**

**I am 18 years old or over**

Please tick ✓ yes

**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address  POLICE CONSTABLE NEEDHAM  Lancashire Constabulary EAST Division Licensing St Johns Court Police Station Ainsworth Street Blackburn BB16AR
Telephone number (if any) 07967827620
E-mail address (optional) Phill.needham@lancashire.police.uk

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

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2) public safety                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, The Protection of Children from Harm**

**On the 12/03/2026, based on community intelligence, Officers from the Hyndburn Police Task Force along with trading standards officers from Lancashire Trading standards, have carried out a joint visit of the NAWAZ FOOD STORES, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington Lancashire.**

**During this visit Police and trading standards officers have recovered a significant quantity of illicit tobacco products and prescription medication.**

**Based on this information Lancashire constabulary wishes to apply for a licence review of Nawaz Food Stores as we believe this seriously undermines the following licencing objectives:**

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, The Protection of Children from Harm**

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

On the 12/03/2026, Officers from the Hyndburn Police Task Force, along with officers from Lancashire Trading Standards carried out a visit at NAWAZ FOOD STORES, 1 EDLESTON STREET, ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

This visit was due to community intelligence received in relation to the sale of illicit prescription drugs from the store.

Police Officers from The Hyndburn Task force have secured the shop premises and assisted Trading standards officers with a search of the shop premises and located a bag containing a quantity of Valium (Diazepam) behind the counter, underneath the Till.

Asif Nawaz was arrested and conveyed to Greenbank custody suite where his detention was authorised, during which a further search of Asif Nawaz person was conducted and a further blister pack of five 10mg tablets of Diazepam, and a blister pack of 30 500mg tablets of co-codamol were found in his pockets along with £95 in cash in ten pond and five pound notes.

Officers from the Hyndburn Police Task force then sought a section 18 search warrant for the accommodation above the shop and for Mr Asif Nawaz's home address of 8 Eddleston street, which was granted at 13:44 hours on the same day.

Officers then returned to NAWAZ Food Stores at 1 Edleston Street, Accrington and carried out a search of the accommodation above the shop.

Officers found several empty rooms; however, one room was locked, this was Asif Nawaz's Bedroom, Asif's sister confirmed this in the form of a Police statement, that Asif was the only person who had a key for this room and the only one who had control of it.

A search of this room revealed 210 x packs of capstan pall mall, 6x packs of lambert and butler, 75 packs of john player gold leaf, 10x Benson and Hedges 1x horizon and 51x packs of Amber Leaf rolling tobacco.

Police officers also found 72 tablets of anabolic steroids, 50 gabapentin tablets over 650 co-codamol tablets, 161 10mg diazepam tablets, 75 Benzidine (diazepam) tablets, 25 Valium tablets and £12,000 cash.

A search of Asif's family home of 8 Edleston Street revealed more illicit tobacco, seized from this location were 10 x Lambert and Butler, 21x John Player Gold Leaf, 9x Capstan Pall Mall, 2x packs of Amber leaf rolling tobacco.

On the same day of the visit at 19:20, after consulting with his free and independent legal advice, Asif Nawaz was interviewed by Police at Greenbank P[olice Station in relation to possession with intent to supply a class C drug, Asif Nawaz was also further arrested during his interview on suspicion of money Laundering, relating to the £12000 found in the flat above the shop.

This interview would have been the perfect opportunity for Mr Nawaz to give a reason as to why he had such a large quantity of prescription drugs and illicit tobacco.

However despite his free and independent legal advice, Asif Nawaz elected to state "NO COMMENT" to all questions

## Information and intelligence

The Police and Trading Standards rely on information and intelligence from the public, and local communities, below is a list in chronological order of the intelligence supplied by the local community in regard to the Nawaz Food Store.

**Date,01/02/2022**

Mohammed Asif NAWAS is selling Diazepam over the counter in the Mace Shop – 1, Edleston Street, Accrington, BB5 0HG. The busiest time for sales is between 09:00 – 09:30. The tablets are in 5's and 10's and stored on his person, in a blue bag.

Mobile Number: REDACTED .

The shop is owned by his father (NFD), who is not aware of the sales.

NAWAS is described as a Male & 37 years old.

**Date, 02/03/2022**

Mohammed ASIF at The Mace shop, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington, BB5 0HG is selling diazepam. ASIF sells black market diazepam; they are not from the UK. Someone has died recently from taking these tablets.

ASIF is the son; he runs the shop with his father who has no idea what is going on.

ASIF works Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 17:00, and at the weekends from 13:00 – 17:00.

At 09:00, ASIF will be loaded up with tablets to sell in the day.

They are £1 per tablet. ASIF cuts them into strips to sell them in £5 or £10 deals. He keeps them in his pocket.

ASIF makes £200 per day.

His mobile is REDACTED .

ASIF is an Asian male, 36 years old, black hair, stubble beard, medium – chubby beard, always wears a Lacoste tracksuit.

**Date, 20/04/2022**

Asif a shopkeeper at Mace Shop, Edleston Street, Accrington is involved in the sale of prescription drugs.

The drugs are sold over the counter.

There are CCTV cameras inside and outside the shop.

Asif drives a white people carrier.

Asif is a tall male, wears glasses at night.

**Date, 20/03/2023**

Mace Store, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington, BB5 0HG is selling fake Valium and benzodiazepines

This has been happening for several months.

The drugs are supplied by the owner's son, Asif.

The profit is laundered through the business.

Asif makes the drugs.

**Date, 27/08/2024**

Diazepam tablets imported from India and Pakistan are sold at the MACE shop on Edleston Street, Accrington. The shop is owned by Mohammed NAWAZ who usually works in the evenings. He is not involved in selling drugs. Mohammed's son Asif NAWAZ runs the shop during the day and will sell Diazepam for £1 per tablet.

**Date, 24/10/2024**

The MACE Convenience store at 1 Edleston St Accrington is selling Diazepam to youths.

Previous research :

Research - MACE Convenience Store, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington

**Date, 27/01/2025**

The informant states that on 14/01/25, whilst on day release from hospital, he met a friend (who he declined to name) in Accrington.

Together with this friend the informant then attended the Mace convenience store, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington, BB50HG.

Whilst at the store the informant has spoken with a male named Asif (not further described).

Asif has proceeded to sell the informant a diazepam tablet.

Asif used a pair of scissors to cut the pill off from a strip and charged the informant one pound.

The informant has no recollection of the next three days and staff on his ward told him he could not speak.

On being tested the informant showed traces of cocaine, opiates, subtext benzo, morphine and fentanyl in his urine.

No further information was forthcoming.

**Date, 17/03/2026**

On 12/03/2026 officers conducted a joint visit with Trading Standards at the Mace Convenience Store, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington.

Asif NAWAZ was working behind the till at the time.

Trading Standards seized approximately £10,000 worth of illegal cigarettes and there was evidence that NAWAZ had been selling single cigarettes to children, with open packets behind the till.

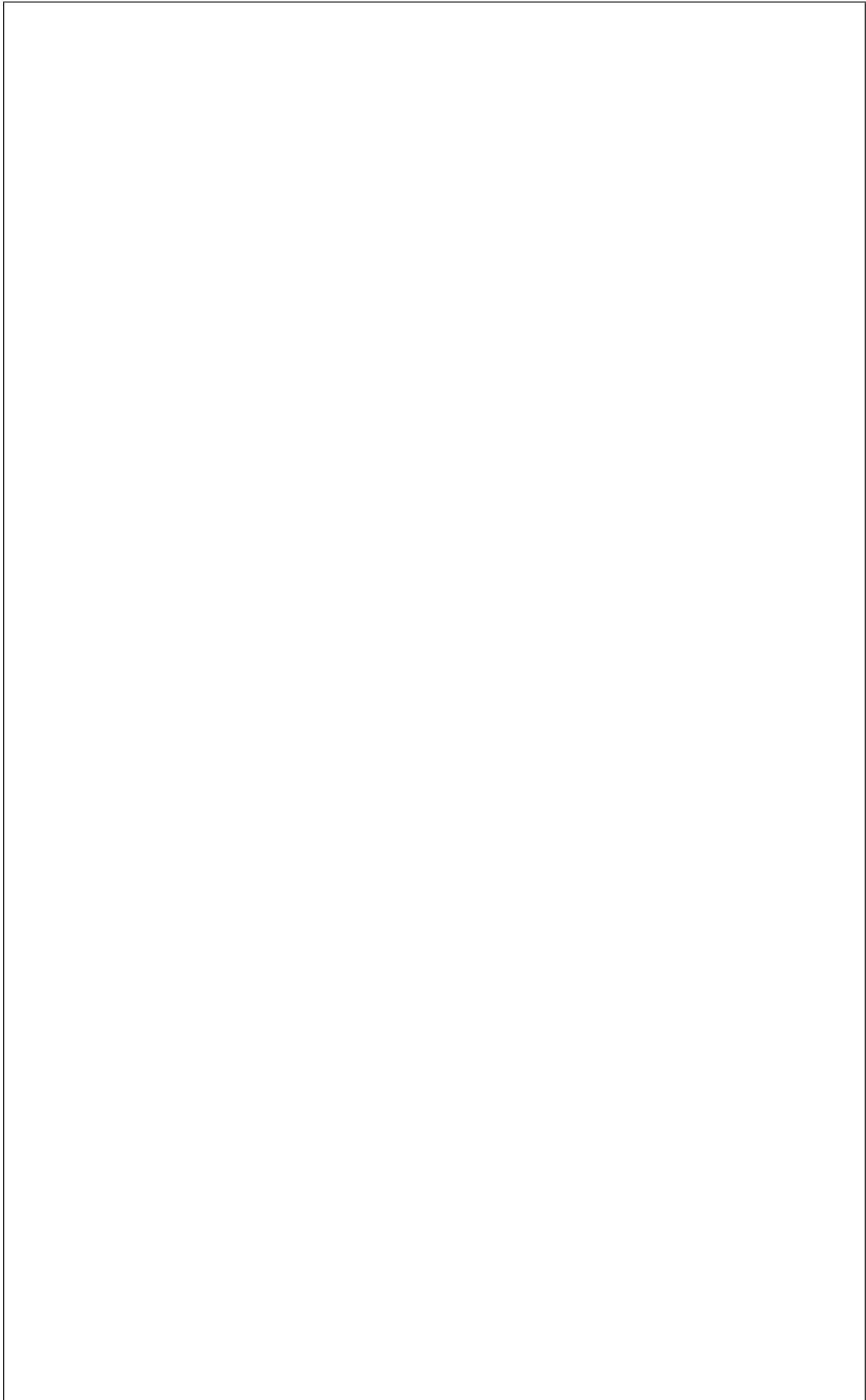
NAWAZ was arrested for PWITS CLASS C after hundreds of Valium (diazepam) tablets were located both behind the till and in the attached flat (1 Edleston St). Further drugs were located including significant quantities of co-codamol and anabolic steroids, as well as approximately £12,000 in cash. He lives with his family at 8-10 Edleston Street, Accrington. This was searched by Police with further illegal cigarettes found.

**The following options are available to the committee: -**

- 1) Do nothing – and allow the Police investigation into this matter to reach its conclusion, however this may take a significant amount of time**
- 2) Modify the conditions of the licence – The Police have already taken Nawaz Food Stores to review on the 09/12/2022 and although the decision was originally to revoke the licence, it was agreed on appeal to modernise and add further robust conditions to the licence, this has clearly had no effect**
- 3) Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor and not allow the licence to be transferred into Asif Nawaz's name**
- 4) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months**
- 5) Revoke the premises licence completely.**

**In the opinion of Lancashire Police, the information presented here indicates the total undermining of the Protection of Children from Harm Licensing Objective, the prevention of crime and disorder, and Public Safety**

**Lancashire Police respectfully requests that the committee considers whether revocation of the premises licence is proportionate – especially with considerations to public health and safety**



Please tick ✓ yes  
NO

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

Lancashire Police took NAWAZ FOOD STORES to review on the 09/12/2022

**The protection of children from harm licensing objective**

MOHAMMED NAWAZ 14/09/06 is the current Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and Designate Premises Supervisor (DPS) for NAWAZ FOOD STORES and OFF LICENCE.

On the 08/07/22, NAWAZ failed a test purchase operation when two 14-year-old girls entered the premises and purchased a can of "STELLA BEER".

This sale was made by NAWAZ, for which he was issued a fixed penalty notice.

On the 26/10/22, NAWAZ failed a second test purchase when two underaged boys entered his premises and purchased a bottle of cider.

The outcome was to revoke the licence, however this was reduced on appeal to the addition of stronger , modern and robust conditions.

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, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.**

**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 PHILLIP NEEDHAM  
.....

Date 29/04/2026  
.....

Capacity **Police Licensing Constable**  
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<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application</b> (please read guidance note 6)	
<b>Post town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>	
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)</b>	




**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.



MACE SHOP

Exhibit	Picture	Where found	SFR1					
<p>SS/5549/01 - PACKETS OF VALIUM</p>	<p><b>Valium - 22 Blister Packs</b></p> 	<p>Behind Counter</p>	<p>Not Tested</p>					
<p>SS/5549/02 - PACKETS OF ZAPIN</p>	<p><b>Zapain - 2 Packs</b>      <b>Zapain - Ripped off Label</b></p> 	<p>Behind Counter</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1339 737 1409 764"><b>SS/5549/02</b> (N12329742)</td> <td data-bbox="1409 737 1570 813">7 blister packs labelled 30mg/500mg Tablets Codeine Phosphate Paracetamol held variously inside 2 cardboard boxes labelled same</td> <td data-bbox="1570 737 1667 764">Total of 70 off- white tablets</td> <td data-bbox="1667 737 1791 792">Codeine<sup>(m)</sup>2 Paracetamol<sup>(1)</sup></td> <td data-bbox="1791 737 1850 776">Class B Not controlled</td> </tr> </table>	<b>SS/5549/02</b> (N12329742)	7 blister packs labelled 30mg/500mg Tablets Codeine Phosphate Paracetamol held variously inside 2 cardboard boxes labelled same	Total of 70 off- white tablets	Codeine <sup>(m)</sup> 2 Paracetamol <sup>(1)</sup>	Class B Not controlled
<b>SS/5549/02</b> (N12329742)	7 blister packs labelled 30mg/500mg Tablets Codeine Phosphate Paracetamol held variously inside 2 cardboard boxes labelled same	Total of 70 off- white tablets	Codeine <sup>(m)</sup> 2 Paracetamol <sup>(1)</sup>	Class B Not controlled				
<p>SS/5549/03 - 6 DIFFERENT BLISTER PACKS</p>	<p><b>6 different blister packs</b></p> 	<p>Behind Counter</p>	<p>Not Tested</p>					

<p>SS/5549/04 - CO-CODAMOL</p>	<p>Co-codamol</p>  <p>Label on Co-codamol</p> 	<p>Behind Counter</p>	<p>Not Tested</p>
<p>FJW/640/03 - Valium tablets</p> <p>FJW/640/04 - Co-Codamol tablets</p>		<p>Found in NAWAZ pocket</p>	<p>Not Tested</p>

JHT/3215/03 -  
72 TABLETS OF  
ANABOLIC  
STERIODS

JHT/3215/04 -  
50 TABLETS OF  
GABAPENTIN

JHT/3215/05 -  
648 TABLETS  
OF CO-  
CODAMOL

JHT/3215/06 -  
36 TABLETS OF  
CO-CODAMOL

JHT/3215/07 -  
VALIUM  
161X10

JHT/3215/09 -  
42 BENSEDIN  
X 15 PLUS 8  
INDIVIDUAL

JHT/3215/10 -  
25 VALIUM  
INDIVIDUAL

Pictures taken of all the drugs which were then separated into the exhibits:



A residential premise that is attached to the shop (Fathers address) Within that premise there was one room which was locked. The key for this room was found on NAWAZ person.

Statement from sister to state that her brother Asif NAWAZ is the only person in charge of this room and the only person who has a key for the room.

Item (Bag number)	Packaging	Content	Drug	Class
JHT/3215/03 (N12329706)	7 blister packs and 1 blister pack piece labelled 'Sildenafil Citrate Tablets 200mg'	Total of 72 black tablets	Sildenafil <sup>TM1</sup> Caffeine <sup>TM1</sup> small amount	Both not controlled
JHT/3215/04 (N12329705)	5 blister packs labelled '100mg Gabapentin'	Total of 50 off-white capsules - sample of powder contents analysed	Gabapentin <sup>TM2</sup>	Class C
JHT/3215/05 (N12329704)	63 blister packs and 2 blister pack pieces labelled 'Co-codamol 30mg/500mg Tablets... Codeine Phosphate paracetamol' (60 held in groups of 10 inside 6 cardboard boxes labelled same)	Total of 636 off-white tablets	Codeine <sup>TM2</sup> Paracetamol <sup>TM3</sup>	Class B Not controlled
	3 blister packs labelled 'Codeine Phosphate... Paracetamol 30/500mg Tablets' (visually different from above)	Total of 12 off-white tablets	Codeine <sup>TM2</sup> Paracetamol <sup>TM3</sup>	Class B Not controlled
JHT/3215/07 (N12329733)	91 blister packs and a blister pack piece labelled 'Valium (Diazepam) 10mg Tablets'	Total of 890 blue tablets	Diazepam <sup>TM3</sup>	Class C
	69 blister packs and 6 blister pack pieces labelled 'Valium (Diazepam) 10mg' (visually different from above)	Total of 718 blue tablets	Ethylbromazolam <sup>TM3</sup>	Not controlled
JHT/3215/09 (N12329732)	30 blister packs and 38 blister pack pieces labelled '10mg (Diazepam)'	Total of 638 off-white tablets	None detected <sup>4</sup>	N/A

JHT/3215/06 - Not Tested  
JHT/3215/10 - Not Tested  
JHT/3215/11 - Not Tested

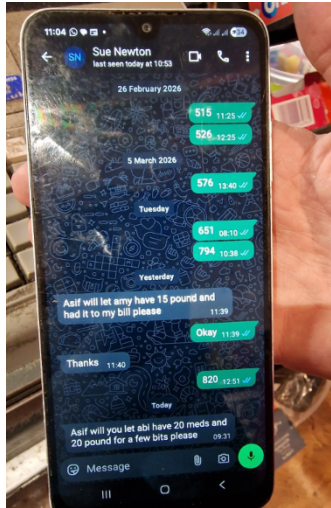
PLUS 35  
BENSEDIN  
INDIVIDUAL

JHT/3215/11 -  
269 TABLETS  
OF CO-  
CODAMOL





SS/5549/05 -  
SAMSUNG  
MOBILE



Behind Counter

Full phone read is yet to be done; initial kiosk read could not download the messages, therefore it is in the DMIU que. This message was captured at scene, and a photo was taken at the time.

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## **THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - REPRESENTATION FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY**

### **LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE**

I am Jason Middleton, Principal Officer employed by Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service.

I have delegated authority to exercise the County Council's powers and duties under relevant Trading Standards related Acts of Parliament and in this capacity to provide written and oral representations on behalf of the Lancashire County Council Head of Service for Trading Standards.

I make this statement using facts and matters within my own knowledge. Any facts and matters that are not within my own knowledge are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service wishes to make representations in support of the application from Lancashire Police to review the premises licence at Nawaz Food Stores and Off Licence, 1 Edleston Street, Accrington BB5 0HG.

Trading Standards' have had the following dealings with the premises since 2019:

- 08/01/2019 – Inspection of premises. 35 packs of illicit Rothmans and 1 pack of illicit Marlboro cigarettes seized from a black bag behind the counter in the shop. Asif Nawaz was present behind the counter and he informed officers that his father, Mohammed Nawaz, was the owner of the business. Asif Nawaz was interviewed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 where he stated that the tobacco products belonged to him. He admitted to selling the goods in the shop but claimed to only be selling the Marlboro cigarettes. Asif Nawaz had been previously prosecuted by Lancashire Trading Standards in 2016 following an inspection in 2015 where 124 packs of illicit tobacco products were found at the premises.
- 14/02/2019 – A test purchase of a pack of illicit cigarettes was attempted (using an adult test purchaser). No sale made.
- 01/03/2019 – Complaint received from a member of the public alleging the sale of non duty paid cigarettes and alcohol at the premises.
- 01/04/2019 – Anonymous complaint received relating to the sale of coca cola which was 3 years past the best before date. The complainant also claimed that the premises was selling counterfeit cigarettes.
- 04/04/2019 – A test purchase of a pack of illicit cigarettes was attempted (using an adult test purchaser). No sale made.

- 15/04/2019 - A test purchase of a pack of illicit cigarettes was attempted (using an adult test purchaser). No sale made. The member of staff asked the test purchaser questions including whether they were local to the area.
  - 16/05/2019 – Anonymous complaint received relating to illicit tobacco sales. Received via the Trading Standards online anonymous reporting tool.
  - 27/06/2019 – Information received from Lancashire Police about possible underage sales of alcohol occurring at the store.
  - 11/09/2019 – Allegation of illegal cigarettes being sold to underage children.
  - 10/12/2019 – Inspection of premises carried out. Asif Nawaz and Mohammed Nawaz were present. 83 packs of illicit tobacco / cigarettes were seized from a bag hanging on a coat rack. These consisted of 10 pouches of Golden Virginia tobacco, 5 packs Rothmans cigarettes, and 68 packs of Capstan Pall Mall cigarettes.
  - 18/03/2020 – Member of the public reported the shop for the sale of cigarettes to underage children.
  - 28/08/2020 – Report received from Lancashire Police about the possible sale of nitrous oxide to young people.
  - 08/09/2020 – Mohammed Nawaz and Asif Nawaz were prosecuted for the illicit tobacco offences committed on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Mohammed Nawaz was fined £133, ordered to pay £300 in costs and a £32 victim surcharge. Asif Nawaz was fined £180, ordered to pay £450 in costs and a £32 victim surcharge.
  - 02/11/2020 – Test purchasing operation carried out using a 14 year old female volunteer. Mohammed Nawaz sold a pack of Lambert & Butler cigarettes to the child. An officer was present in the shop and witnessed the sale take place. No questions were asked as to the age of the child or to request any identification.
- Mohammed Nawaz was prosecuted for this offence on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021. He was fined £200 and ordered to pay £200 in costs.
- 24/11/2020 – A test purchase of a pack of illicit cigarettes was attempted (using an adult test purchaser). No sale made.
  - 12/07/2021 – Complaint received from a member of the public about a 50p surcharge being added to the transaction cost due to paying by card. A letter was sent to the business with advice and guidance.
  - 15/10/2021 – Underage test purchasing operation conducted by Lancashire Trading Standards and Lancashire Police. A pack of JPS Players cigarettes was sold to the underage test purchasers. The seller was Mohammed Nawaz.

- 15/12/2021 – Complaint received from a member of the public about payment surcharges, the sale of single cigarettes, the sale of cigarettes and alcohol to underage children, and the sale of out of date food.
- 17/01/2022 – Information received via Lancashire Police about the sale of e-cigarettes to underage children.
- 01/02/2022 – Report of illicit tobacco sales from Lancashire Police.
- 02/02/2022 – A test purchase of a pack of illicit cigarettes was attempted (using an adult test purchaser). No sale made.
- 06/06/2022 – Inspection carried out. Advice was given in relation to food past the use by dates. 16 e-cigarettes were seized due to incorrect safety labelling. It was noted by the Trading Standards Officer leading the inspection that there were no refusals logs available in relation to underage sales, and no written training records. The shop was noted as having a Check 21 policy but there was no signage in place. Advice was given in relation to adopting Check 25.
- 08/07/2022 – Test purchasing operation for alcohol carried out using two 14 year old volunteers. A can of Stella Artois was sold to the test purchasers. The seller was Mohammed Nawaz. Mr Nawaz initially denied selling the alcohol. It was only after the CCTV was viewed in front of Mr Nawaz that he accepted that he made the sale and a fixed penalty ticket was issued by Police.
- 19/07/2022 – Test purchasing operation with Lancashire Police using a 16 year old male volunteer and a 14 year old female volunteer. Test purchase of alcohol attempted. Sale refused.
- 26/10/2022 – Test purchasing operation conducted by Lancashire Trading Standards and Lancashire Police using 4 underage test purchasers. Mohammed Nawaz sold a bottle of Kopparberg cider to a 16 year old.
- 09/12/2022 – Trading Standards were notified of an application to review the premises licence by the Police. Supporting representations were provided by Trading Standards.
- 18/05/2023 – Complaint received from a member of the public in relation to card payment surcharges.
- 14/08/2023 – A visit was carried out to the premises by an officer from Trading Standards who advised on Check 25 and provided written information and guidance. Asif Nawaz was present. The officer noted a small amount of illegal vapes on display and provided advice in relation to these.
- 10/10/2023 – Information received from Lancashire Police about the possible sale of vapes containing THC to school children.

- 24/01/2024 – Information about the sale of alcohol and e-cigarettes being sold to underage children received from Hyndburn Borough Council Licensing department.
- 06/03/2024 - Test purchasing operation for alcohol using 14 year old volunteer. No sale made.
- 12/03/2026 – Inspection of premises carried out together with Lancashire Police. Asif Nawaz was present and stated that the business was owned by his father, Mohammed Nawaz.

The tobacco gantry behind the counter was fully open, with the tobacco stock inside being fully visible to customers. Mr Nawaz was advised that the display of tobacco products was prohibited. He claimed that his gantry was broken and he couldn't close the door. The officer later checked this and found the gantry doors to be working normally.

Three open packs of cigarettes, comprising of two different brands, were found under the counter. All three had more than half their cigarettes missing. These were suspected of being sold singularly. The sale of single cigarettes is prohibited.

An illicit pack of Lambert & Butler cigarettes was found under the counter.

Asif Nawaz claimed that the packs under the counter belonged to him for his personal use.

A quantity of prescription medication was found behind the counter and seized by police. Asif Nawaz was arrested by the police and taken away from the premises. Following his arrest, the police officers searched the entire property, including the upstairs living quarters and Mr Nawaz's home a couple of doors down the road at 8-10 Edleston Street.

353 packs of illicit cigarettes were found in the flat above the shop, comprising of 6 different brands. These items were seized.

141 packs of illicit cigarettes and tobacco, comprising of 4 different brands, were found at 8-10 Edleston Street and seized.

Relevant information:

- The **Trade Marks Act 1994** - Supplying (including possessing for supply) counterfeit tobacco products bearing trademarks without the consent of the proprietor of the mark is an offence under Section 92 of this Act.
- **The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015** – Supplying (including possessing for supply) tobacco products which are not in plain packaging is an offence.
- Section 3 of **The Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991** states that it is an offence for a person carrying on a retail business to sell

cigarettes that are not in their original packaging. Therefore, cigarettes must not be sold singularly. The law applies to all sales, regardless of the age of the customer.

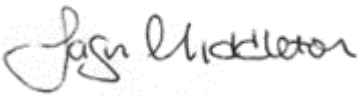
- The **Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002** and the **Tobacco Advertising and Promotion (Display) (England) Regulations 2010** require that tobacco products are kept out of sight of the customer. The measures aim to reduce smoking uptake amongst children whilst supporting those people who smoke and want to quit.

- Section 144 of the **Licensing Act 2003** makes it an offence to knowingly keep or allow to be kept on licensed premises, any goods which have been imported without payment of duty or which have otherwise been unlawfully imported.

In the opinion of Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service the information presented is evidence that the protection of children from harm, and the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objectives have been disregarded at the premises.

I reserve the right to bring further evidence to any hearing, should any arise between now and then.

I believe the contents of this statement to be true.

Signed: 

Date: 26/05/2026

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### **Licensing Act 2003**

Licensing Service representation in relation to application to review a premises licence

PL0047:

Nawaz Food Stores and Off Licence  
1 Edleston Street, Accrington, BB5 0HG

On 31.01.23 the premises licence was revoked following a review. During the appeal period an agreement was reached, and the licence was reinstated with conditions added.

Myself and another licensing officer visited the premises on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to place the blue notices regarding the review application. Whilst there, we undertook a compliance check and found several issues of non-compliance. Upon arrival at the shop, there were no members of staff present, just a member of the public who seemed to be keeping an eye on the shop. It was more than 5 minutes before, Mr Asif Nawaz (son of the premises licence holder) arrived at the shop. He stated that his father had gone for a walk and was not available.

Annex 3, condition 1 of the premises licence requires all alcohol sales to be personally made by a personal licence holder. During my visit, Asif Nawaz the only staff working. He reported that in addition to his father, he is the only member of staff. I asked him if he holds a personal licence and he stated that he doesn't. When I pointed out that him serving alcohol is in breach of the licence conditions, he changed his mind and stated that he does have a personal alcohol licence, granted by Hyndburn Borough Council. I checked records upon my return to the office and confirmed that he does not hold a licence from HBC. Mr Asif confirms that he has worked at the premises since the time of the review. Therefore, there has been no compliance with this condition since it was added to the licence.

The same condition also requires records of personal alcohol licences to be kept on the premises. These records were not present.

Condition 2 of the premises licence requires all staff responsible for the sale of alcohol to undertake age verification training annually, as a minimum. Mr Nawaz reported that

he last undertook the training around 18 months ago. Records of the training are required to be available at the premises but were not available during our visit.

A refusal log is required and must be available for inspection by officers. Mr Nawaz said that there was not one.

Condition 5 requires a comprehensive CCTV system to be installed, and a member of staff who is familiar with the system to be present at all times while the premises is open to the public. Mr Nawaz stated that he was unable to operate the CCTV system.

I advised Mr Nawaz of the non-compliance and advised him and his rather to review the premises licence and become compliant, and that I would carry out a follow up visit during the representation period.

Following this visit, I sent a letter to the licence holder (copy attached) outlining the non-compliance and concerns.

I visited the premises again on 27/05/26. Once again Mr Asif Nawaz was working. The member of the public who had been watching the shop on my last visit was sitting on a stool to the side of the counter. I asked Mr Nawaz if his father was available, and this man answered, stating 3 times that he had gone for a walk and was not available.

Mr Nawaz immediately started to discuss the CCTV system, and the plans they have to upgrade the system. He did not seem to understand the other instances of non-compliance.

I asked Mr Nawaz about his personal alcohol licence, and he insisted that he attended the course approximately 3 years ago with Gill Sherratt, and that she issues his licence. I advised that there is no licence issued by HBC, and asked him to provide a copy. Eventually, he stated that he thought the course was automatically registered with the council and that this would mean he had a personal alcohol licence. I provided Mr Nawaz with the information to apply for a licence properly, and advised that he should not be selling alcohol until he receives his licence.

I asked Mr Nawaz if he has now undertaken the Check 25 training. He stated that he hasn't, but will do so next week. I advised that he may want to give this more of a priority given that there is an application for a premises licence review.

Still, there was no refusal register in place. I asked Mr Nawaz if he ever refuses sales of alcohol. He replied that he does so all the time. I explained the need for this to be recorded. He opened a packet of paper from the shelf whilst I was there and created a refusals register.

Mr Nawaz was still unable to operate the CCTV system, and initially stated that it was broken. He contacted his brother, who stated that it is working, but the dates and times are messed up. We confirmed that the CCTV does cover the areas required, though was 25 hours out of time, and only records for 4 days rather than the required 28. The timer was changed whilst we were there. Mr Nawaz confirmed that this CCTV system has been present for many years. Therefore, this has never been compliant with the condition put into place at the last review.

It concerns me that the premises licence was reinstated following a review with only 5 conditions, yet the licence holder failed to comply with these conditions in the 3 years since the review. It is also of concern that no effort was made to achieve compliance between my 2 visits, despite it being made clear that I would be returning, and putting the concerns in writing. The refusals register and age verification training are very simple tasks, as is changing the date and time on CCTV, yet no effort was made until my return visit.

If the licence holder is not able to comply with the conditions imposed to reinstate the licence following the last review, or make simple changes whilst knowing that another review hearing is about to take place, then I have doubts regarding their ability to be compliant in the future, and therefore the licensing service supports the review application made by Lancashire Constabulary.



Liz Wallace-Mills  
Licensing Manager

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