

**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

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

NAWAZ FOOD STORES AND OFF LICENCE

Post town ACCRINGTON

Post code (if known) BB5 OHG

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)

MOHAMMED NAWAZ

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

PL0047

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)

X

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 ✓

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| 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.

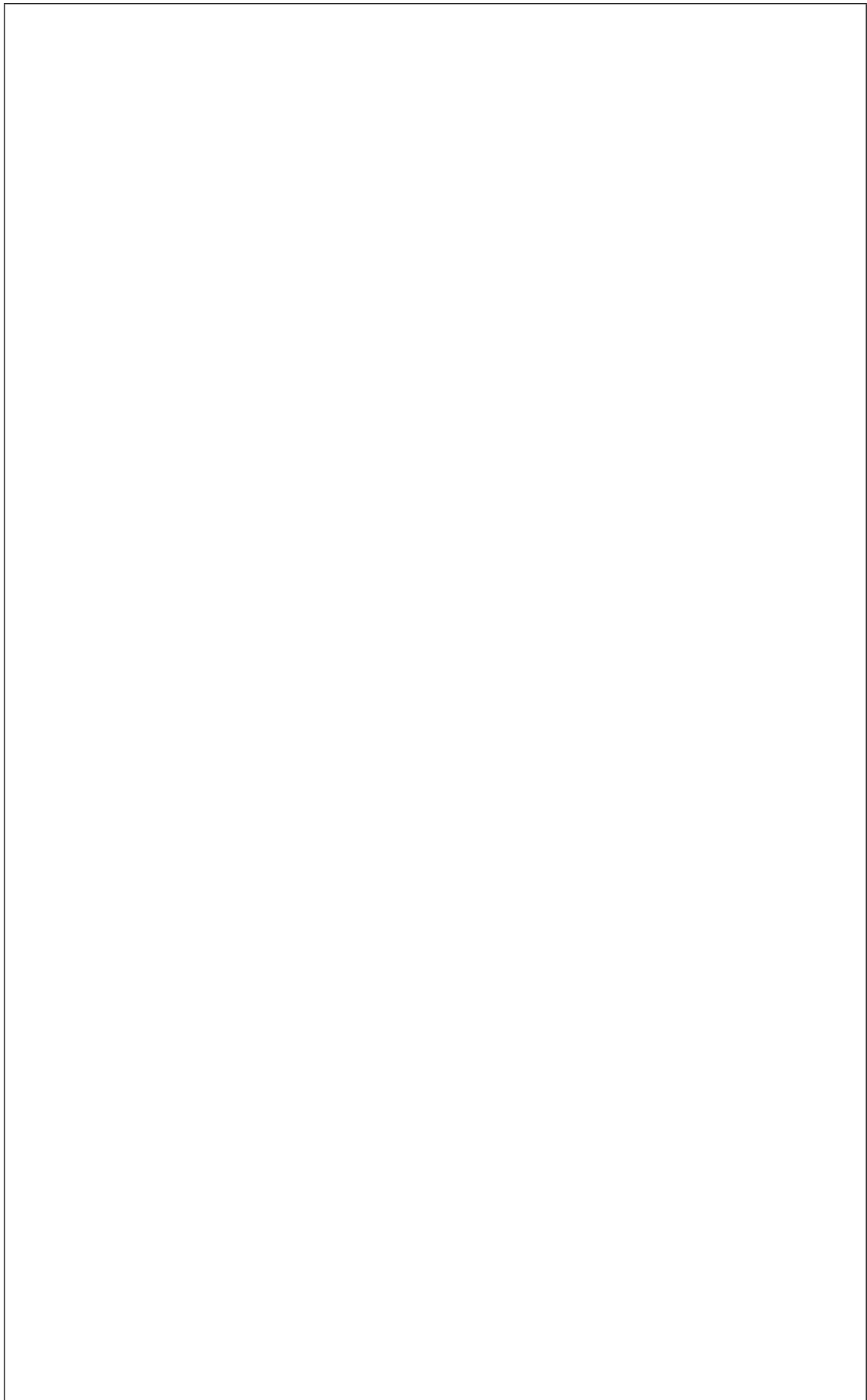
NAWAZ was arrested for PWITS CLASS C after hundreds of Valium (diazepam) tablets were located both behind the till and in the attached flat (1 Edleston St). Further drugs were located including significant quantities of co-codamol and anabolic steroids, as well as approximately £12,000 in cash. He lives 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
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Date 29/04/2026
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Capacity **Police Licensing Constable**
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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

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

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.

