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Licensing Unit

5th September 2018

Mr. B. Brown,
Licensing Manager, Licensing Team,
Hastings Borough Council,
Muriel Matters House,
Breeds Place,
Hastings, East Sussex TN34 3UY

RE: APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE: 20 Norman Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea TN37 6NH

Dear Mr. Brown,

I write on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for Sussex to raise a representation against the above application for a new premises licence on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder Licensing Objective.

Sussex Police raised representation on 20th March 2018 for the same premises and same applicant Mutalib Kayode Abiodun Michael Adelasoye. Other than a slight change in operating hours nothing has change in this application. The hearing took place on 23rd April 2018 and the Committee refused the application.

This application, in the name of Norman Road Stores Ltd., is to permit the supply of alcohol between 09:00hrs and 20:00hrs daily; the times the premises are to be open to the public are given as being between 09:00hrs and 20:00hrs daily. The premises is currently operating as a convenience store and was previously licensed until the licence was surrendered by the previous premises licence holder on 25th January 2018.

The Reverend Mutalib Adelasoye whose full name is in fact Mutalib Kayode Abiodun Michael Adelasoye has an extensive criminal history. On 29th July 2010 he was convicted upon indictment of conspiracy to facilitate the commission of breaches of immigration laws. The circumstances were that between July 2005 and July 2009 about 360 marriages were conducted in a St. Leonards church. The sole purpose of these marriages was for people from the non-European Economic Area to acquire the right to live and work in the United Kingdom, which right they would not otherwise have enjoyed. During the aforementioned time period the Reverend Adelasoye was a solicitor specialising in immigration work He was also the pastor of an Evangelical church in Hastings, an area designated by the Home Office for immigrants into the United Kingdom to live pending the determination of their applications for leave to remain in the country. Reverend Adelasoye therefore had a large number of contacts among immigrants who wished to remain in the United Kingdom and arranged marriages for them in order that they would achieve their aim.

On 6th September 2010 he was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for these offences. Under the revised guidance for the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 issued on 10th March 2014 his sentence will not be spent until 5th September 2021.

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On 10th August 2011 Reverend Adelasoye was sentenced to a further 42 months imprisonment for two offences of False Representation. The circumstances of these offences were that on two occasions he falsified by enhancement, his salary information. He completed two Employer Reference Forms showing a salary vastly inflated from that which he actually earned. These forms were purportedly completed and signed by a manager of the company for which he worked. In fact this person had neither prepared, completed nor signed the forms. His sentence for these offences will not be spent until 9th February 2022. On 10th January 2012 he was struck off the Roll of Solicitors following a Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal.

Given that Reverend Adelasoye was a solicitor at the time the above offences were committed, his first duty was to the law regardless of whether he thought it fair or otherwise, particularly in relation to the immigration offences.

The premises is located within Hastings Council's Special Saturation (Cumulative Impact) Policy area. The applicant has failed again to address this policy. The applicant, within the operating schedule, should rebut the presumption that the granting of such a licence would undermine the licensing objectives. We invite the Council to apply its own policy and refuse the application.

Sussex Police contend that Reverend Adelasoye has a proven record of both gross dishonesty and a lack of integrity. Therefore we have no confidence in his ability to promote the four licensing objectives and respectfully invite the licensing committee to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,



Inspector Diane Lewis – Licensing Inspector Local Policing Support Team
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MEMORANDUM



Date: 6th September 2018

From: John Ballam

To: Licensing

My Ref: JBA/06/09/18

Your Ref:

Application Number: WK201805091

Address: Ebenezers Many Nations Supermarket, 20 Norman Road, St.Leonards-On-Sea, East Sussex, TN37 6NH

Proposal: New Application

Dear Trevor

I refer to the above Licensing Application:

I raise no objection to this application, my only concern relates to delivery times, I therefore recommend the following condition:

Deliveries to the premises to take place only between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 Monday to Friday, 08:00 and 13:00 on Saturday and not on a Sunday or Public/Bank Holiday

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarification or information.

Kind Regards

John Ballam

Environmental Protection Officer



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