

Appendix D – Night time licensing officer visits to the premises

Date	Time	Officer	Notes
31/01/2014	20:00	Jayne Tear	Visited premises following to carry out a programmed inspection following a compliant and induction meeting. Was assisted by the licensee and DPS Mr Ratnayake. Found the premises to be fully compliant.
25/07/2015	23:15	Richard Kalu	Visit to premises with Farhad Chowdhury. Test purchase attempted and sale of alcohol refused. Premises compliant.
12/09/2015	21:05	Jayne Tear	Carry out a full inspection assisted by Mr Ratnayake the licensee and DPS. The full premises licence was not available at the shop, although hardly any conditions on the premises licence. I discussed the review that had been submitted and Mr Ratnayake seemed confused. I explained what a review was and that he would have to attend a hearing, he was still confused and asked what the blue signs were for. I took him to the sign and showed him I told him when the hearing was (5 November) and that he would receive a hearing invite at least 14 days before the hearing. He asked me what to do. I told him that he should seek the advice of a solicitor who expertise is Licensing Act 2003 or a licensing consultant. Mr Ratnayake said that the officer that came the other day said that he did not need a solicitor. I told him that it was my strong advice that he seek the advice before the hearing as his licence was at stake. I checked that he had received a copy of the review application and he had. I told him to take that and a copy of his licence to the solicitor or consultant and that they would advise him further. He said that he will. I noted that there was a refusal log at the premises and CCTV installed although not conditions. Whilst we were in the Clarissa noted that there was a crowd of young women/girls outside the shop whispering and two of the women came in and the other 2 girls disappeared. All of the young girls looked under25. I watched as they picked up quite a few bottles of alcohol and took it to the till. Mr Ratnayake asked for and checked there ID and sold them the alcohol. Once he had done this I approached the young women before they left the shop. I id myself and said that I noticed that they had produced ID and bought alcohol and that I had also seen them with some other young girls outside before they entered the shop. I said that if they had of bought alcohol for any underage person they would have be committing an offence (a proxy sale) under the Licensing Act 2003. They said the girls had asked them to buy them alcohol and they had refused and the alcohol was for themselves. I said that I had told them as I was not sure whether they knew it was an offence. I spoke to Mr Ratnayake about what I had said to the girls and he was grateful that I had, I did however say to him that I know it is difficult to tell but if he suspects that a person is buying alcohol for and underage person that he should bar the person that bought the alcohol from his shop and not serve them any more and that it would be better to refuse the sale rather than have the implications of loosing his licence. He agreed. When we came out of the shop Clarissa saw the other girls waiting on the corner and the girls that had bought alcohol walked towards them and they disappeared round the corner.
19/09/2015	02:10	Richard	Visit to premises with Farhad Chowdhury. Premises was closed ATOV.

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09/10/2015	20:10	Jayne Tear	Observed premises initially from the library opposite to see if any young people waiting outside and asking adults to buy them alcohol. Entered premises and spoke to Mr Ratnayake - premises now compliant. Mr Ratnayake told me that he had now managed to find a consultant to help him with the review against the premises and that they would be coming to the hearing (named Debra). Left at 20:20. ACTION – COMPLIANCE LETTER – LET CASE OFFICER KNOW THAT APPLICANT BEING REPRESENTED AT REVIEW HEARING.
21/10/2016	22:35	Richard Kalu	Visit to premises with Natasha Donoghue and accompanied by NTE Police. Identified ourselves and requested that the Premises Licence Holder [REDACTED] show me evidence first that he could operate the CCTV onsite. After 6 attempts and at great length of time the premises licence holder was finally able to use the CCTV. I asked if the CCTV was operational and without defects or issues and was advised that this was the case. I explained to the Premises Licence Holder that I would need to seize the hard drive for his CCTV. I was advised that the hard drive was in the ceiling and that we would not be able to get it down and that he would need to call an engineer out to retrieve and obtain the hard drive from the ceiling. The NTE police also confirmed this to be the case. I was advised by the Premises Licence Holder that he would call his engineer on Monday and ask him to take out the hard drive from the ceiling. I confirmed with the Premises Licence Holder that I would call him on Monday to arrange a time to collect the hard drive from his CCTV.