

LICENSING PANEL (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

ADDENDUM 1

10.00AM, MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2020

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**Response to Application for a review of premises licensing by
Sussex Police 25 June 2020**

Churchill Supermarket Units 1 & 1a, 8 Air Street BN1 3FB

**Statement of Witness
of**

Over 18

**for
Mr Milad Sitt**

My following statement consisting of 2 pages each signed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make these knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or I do not believe to be true.

I am a construction worker trades person I have been shopping at Churchill Supermarket for a number of years. I have been shown the Sussex Police 9 page dated 25 June 2020 application for a licensing review of the above premises. I hope my statement will prove that the alledged stolen 10 bottles of wine were legally paid for. BUT first I would refer to page 5 paras 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 in which the police

*' That the people stood outside waiting to come in are **known shoplifters**
who steal in order to fund their drug or alcohol habits '*

I object in the strongest possible terms to the police statement as I with my partner were outside the shop, I would conform the following;

That the Police do not know my identity. As

That the Police have never arrested me over drinking offences.

That the Police have never arrested me over any drug offences.

As the licensing review panel will appreciate that this is now a public domain a statement

Signe.....

..Date ...10th...

by the police may well affect my future in obtaining employment. I therefore with respect ask the Police for a written letter of appologie on this together with a similar public announcement.

With reference to the review I would make the following statement;

I would first confirm that I legaly purchased the 10 bottles of wine.

I would confirm at the time in question 11.45 hrs on Sunday 07th June 2020 I was the person as seen of the shop CCTV depositing my wine with Mr Milad Sitt for safe keeping because my partner who had possible drunk a little bit to much wanted to consume even more. It, the wine was now out of reach.

Mr Sitt placed my wine within the licensed area of his shop.

If the police had carried out a simple investigation at the time then this situation could have simply been rsolved.

I would further confirm that the police have not tried to interview me to obtain the truth in this matter from that day 07.06. 20to this.

I would add that I believe that Mr Milad Sitt is running his licensing premises with all due care and attention and that I have offtern seen persons refused sales of not just alcohol but tobacco.

Signed.....Date 10 August 2020

Print name..

Address...

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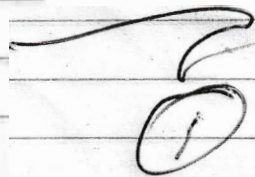
DEAR SR / MADAM

JUST TO SAY

MY WIFE & I HAVE USED
THIS SUPERMARKET FOR ² ~~MY~~
YEARS & FOUND THE STAFF
FRIENDLY & COURTEOUS.

YOU CAN BUY NEARLY EVERYTHING
THERE =

YRS SINCERELY



9-8-20.

To Whom it may concern,

I have lived at [REDACTED]

Since its opening I have used Mr. Sitt's convenience store for various items including groceries and wine/beer.

I have no issues with the freshness, quality of the groceries nor have I witnessed any anti-social behavior in the area relating to street drinkers.

The store offers me an alternative should the nearest supermarket be closed or I can't be bothered to queue! [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Over the years I have got to know Mr. Sitt and members of staff on a first name basis and consider it an asset to the area.

Yours Sincerely,

(2) [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I write to advise of the help I have had from Air Street news for the four years I have been resident here. I have always been looked after and been made to feel protected by all the staff and especially Milan.

I have never had a negative experience in the shop whether it be first thing in the morning or last thing at night or felt threatened in any way, in fact quite the opposite.

✓ To be polite, wholly + truly in his business

③

CHURCHILLS SUPERMARKET REVIEW

03RD AUG 2020

MR M SITT.

MR SITT IS ALWAYS HELPFUL AND WELCOMING.

I HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY HOW STRICT HE IS WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ENSURING HIS CUSTOMERS ADHERE TO THE RULES.

THE SHOP IS ALWAYS CLEAN AND WELL STOCKED.

IT FEELS LIKE A SAFE SPACE. I NOTICE THAT HE ALSO WILL NOT RUSH SERVING ALCOHOL TO ANYONE WHO'S OBVIOUSLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE. AS THIS CAN BE QUITE A BIG PROBLEM IN CENTRAL BUCHAREST.

ALL ROUND POSITIVE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

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To Whom it may Concern

28/07/20

Reference for Churchill's Supermarket, 1a Air Street, Brighton BN1 3FB

Sir/Madam

I am the Store Manager of the Churchill's Supermarket, we are called ' and our address is

We have been here for over a year now and I have known Milad for all this time. Ever since we have been here we have had a good relationship with Milad and all the shops around us.

He has traded consistently for all this time selling a good range of grocery products including alcohol, opening 24hrs a day, 7 days a week and having many good customers which are satisfied with the service.

We have never had any problems with Milad or his customers, in terms of serving alcohol. We have never experienced any drunkenness or any form of bad behaviour from anyone in this area.

If anything the customers have been very good and are glad that Milad is providing an essential service for the community around here. People like the idea of having a supermarket which is open 24hr and serving alcohol.

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FROM

TO

Brighton + Hove
City Council.

Dear Sirs,
With reference to Churchill's Supermarket
which is managed and run by Mr. Sitt -
I have been using and shopping at this
store for some time, and during this period
of time he has always provided me with
excellent service.

Over the years I have found Mr. Sitt to be
very considerate and helpful as far as
those products on sale that I have needed
to purchase.

Yours faithfully

(6)

To whom it may concern,
I am a resident of Brighton of four years and have been frequenting Miled's store a number of times throughout. His store has always been well stocked and well kept, even during the early hours. More recently I have worked alongside Miled for longer hours as part of a promotions campaign for the brand IQOS, and here I could get to know the store-owners better. His friendly attitude and approachable nature, and that of his team, are outstanding. He has many regular customers who all come back for the easy conversations and cheerful honesty. Churchill's supermarket is a fantastic small pocket of our community, and a place I wished was in my end of town, for both its hours and its hospitality.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 July 2020 13:38
To: Melad Sitt
Subject: Reference 1

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter as a personal reference for Melad Sitt, owner/occupier of the premises Churchill supermarket (air street stores ltd) in the centre of Brighton.

I am a representative of and have been dealing with Melad and the store for more than 18 months, visiting him at least twice each week during this time.

In this time, I have seen Melad be very vigilant and fair when faced with age verification sales. Something we in the tobacco industry take very seriously. Melad is one of our shining lights in this area and I have absolutely zero concerns over the way he conducts his business with items for sale that are restricted by age.

Whilst in store I have witnessed first-hand age verification and refusal of sale on a number of occasions. Melad is always very strict on ID, always challenges when required and ensures that his staff follow the same strict rules.

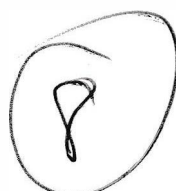
Below are some examples I have witnessed while in store:-

- Challenge 25 being regularly used when selling tobacco products.
- Groups buying alcohol and asking everyone in the group for their ID. If one doesn't have it they are all asked to leave and no sale takes place.
- Refusal of sale to street drinkers
- Refusal of sale to people already intoxicated from alcohol consumption.
- Refusal of sale to people trying to use copy of identification rather than original copies.

I hope this email in some way helps to verify Melad is an excellent shop keeper/trader and that as a representative who has worked with a large number of retailers over the years, I have absolutely no concerns about how Melad conducts his business with age restricted products.

Regards

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A handwritten signature, possibly 'P', enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.

