Brighton & Hove City Council

LICENSING PANEL (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS) ADDENDUM 1

10.00AM, WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2026

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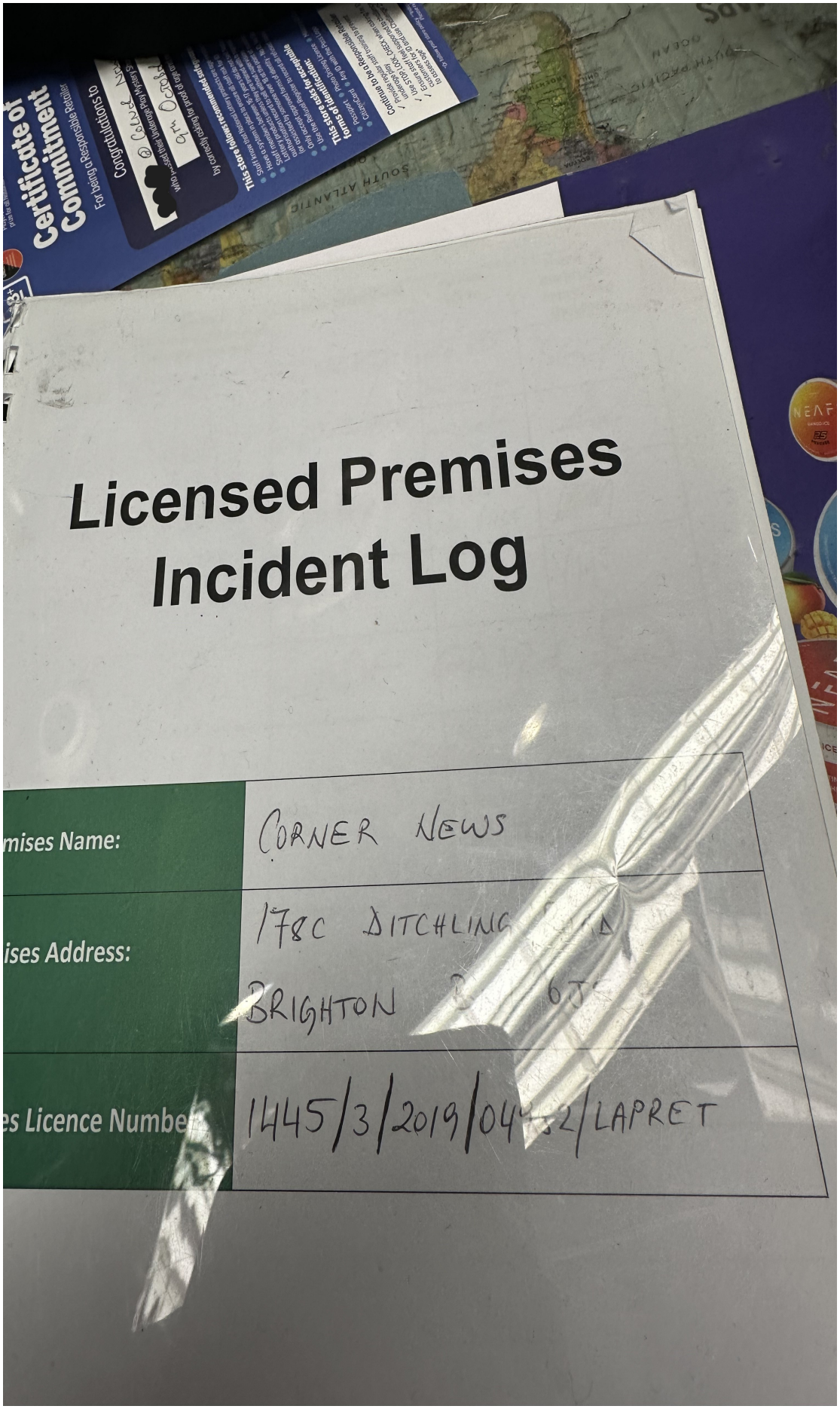
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For being a Responsible Retailer
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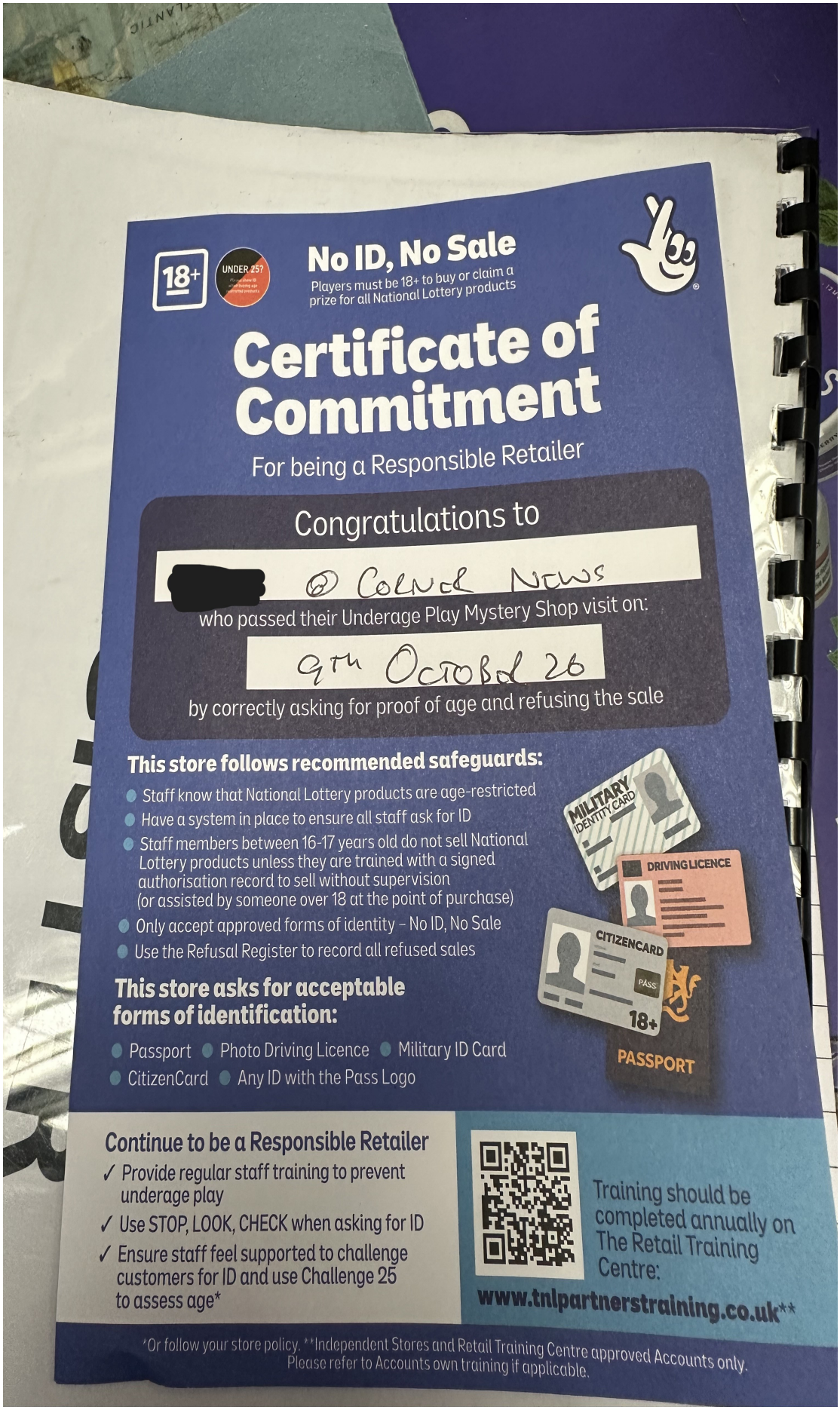
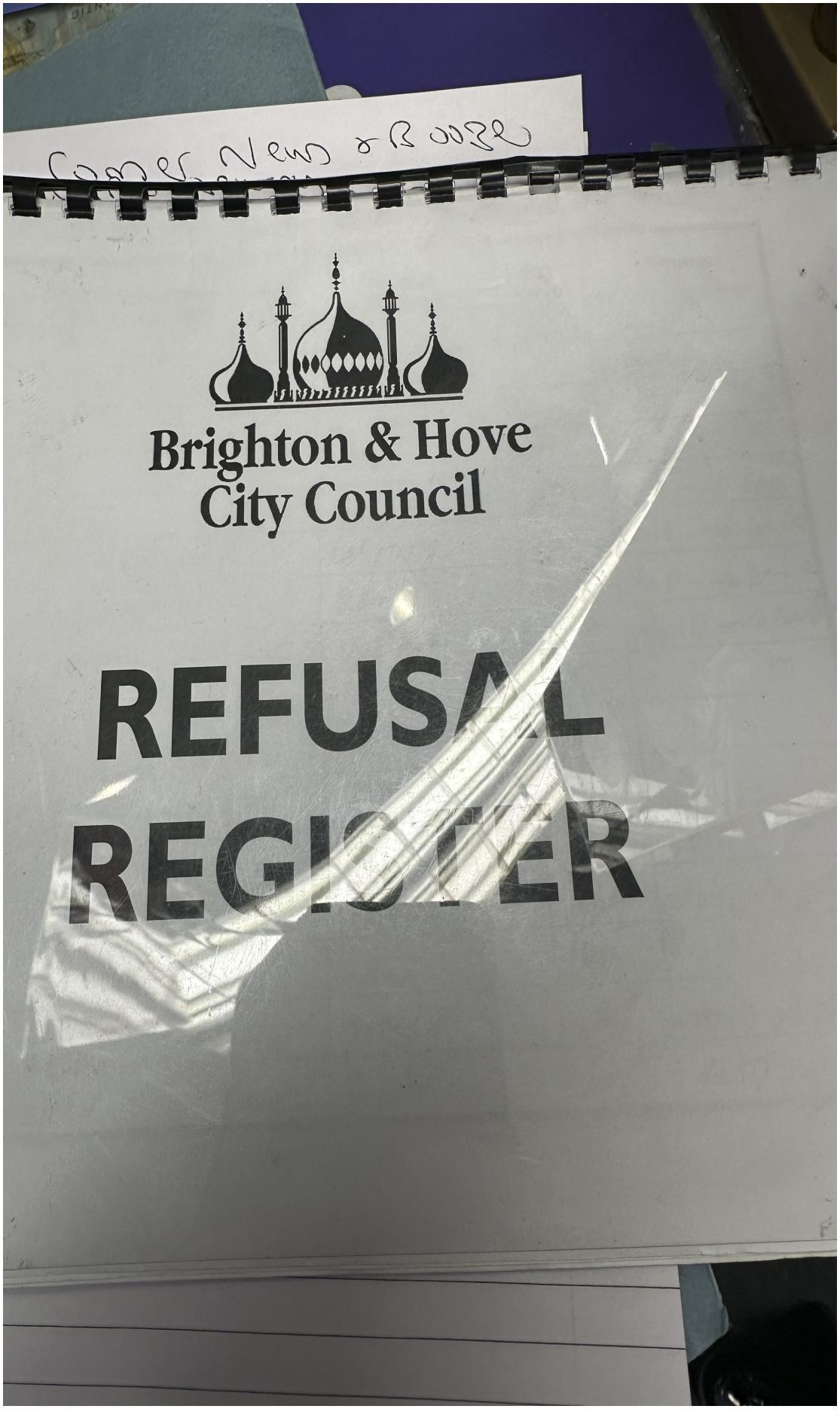

18+
UNDER 25?
No ID, No Sale
Players must be 18+ to buy or claim a prize for all National Lottery products
Certificate of Commitment
For being a Responsible Retailer
Congratulations to
[redacted] @ Colwick News
who passed their Underage Play Mystery Shop visit on:
9th October 26
by correctly asking for proof of age and refusing the sale
This store follows recommended safeguards:
Staff know that National Lottery products are age-restricted
Have a system in place to ensure all staff ask for ID
Staff members between 16-17 years old do not sell National Lottery products unless they are trained with a signed authorisation record to sell without supervision (or assisted by someone over 18 at the point of purchase)
Only accept approved forms of identity – No ID, No Sale
Use the Refusal Register to record all refused sales
MILITARY IDENTITY CARD
DRIVING LICENCE
CITIZENCARD
PASS
18+
PASSPORT
This store asks for acceptable forms of identification:
Passport
Photo Driving Licence
Military ID Card
CitizenCard
Any ID with the Pass Logo
Continue to be a Responsible Retailer
✓ Provide regular staff training to prevent underage play
✓ Use STOP, LOOK, CHECK when asking for ID
✓ Ensure staff feel supported to challenge customers for ID and use Challenge 25 to assess age*
Training should be completed annually on The Retail Training Centre:
www.tnlpartnerstraining.co.uk**
*Or follow your store policy. **Independent Stores and Retail Training Centre approved Accounts only. Please refer to Accounts own training if applicable.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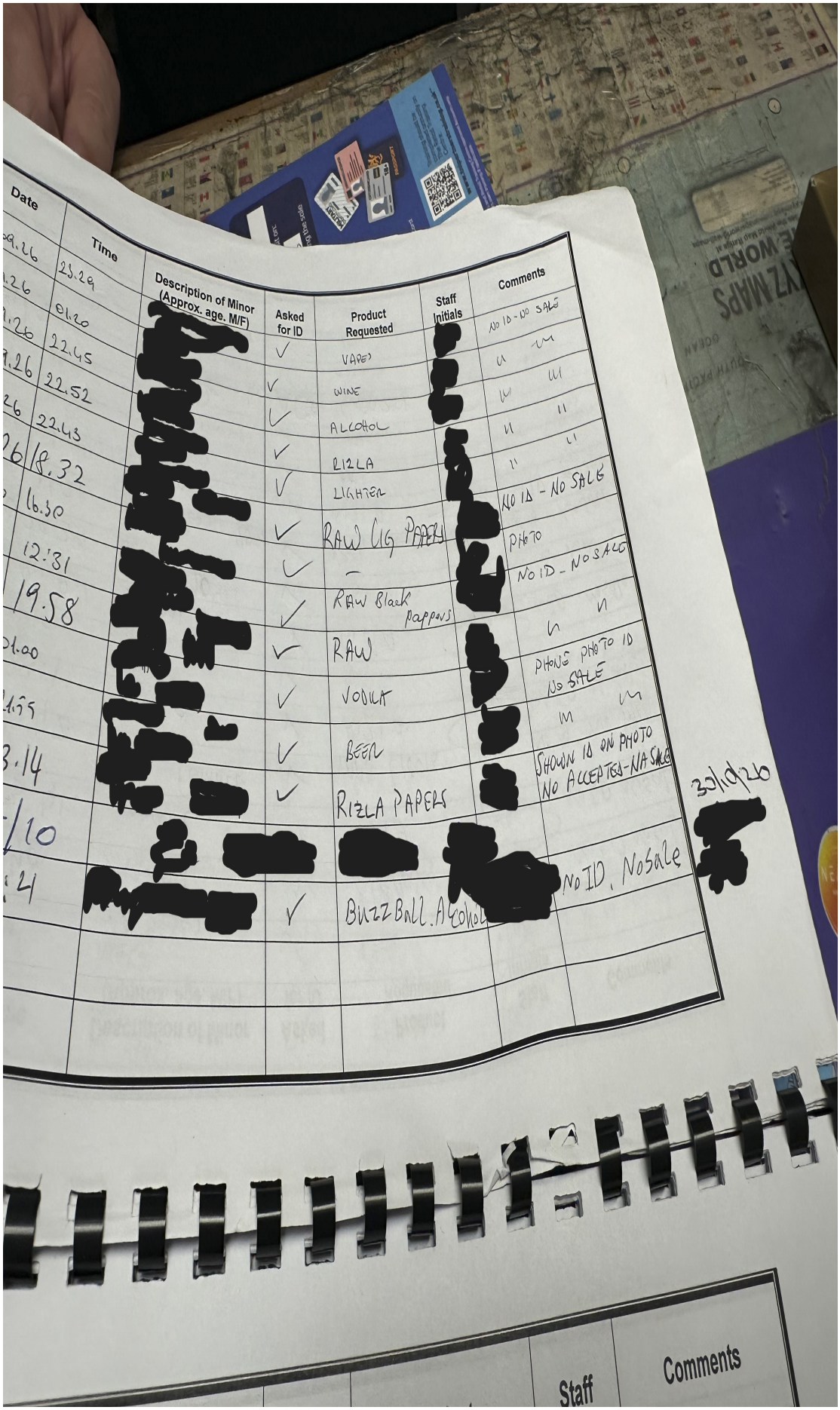
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Time
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Asked for ID
Product Requested
Staff Initials
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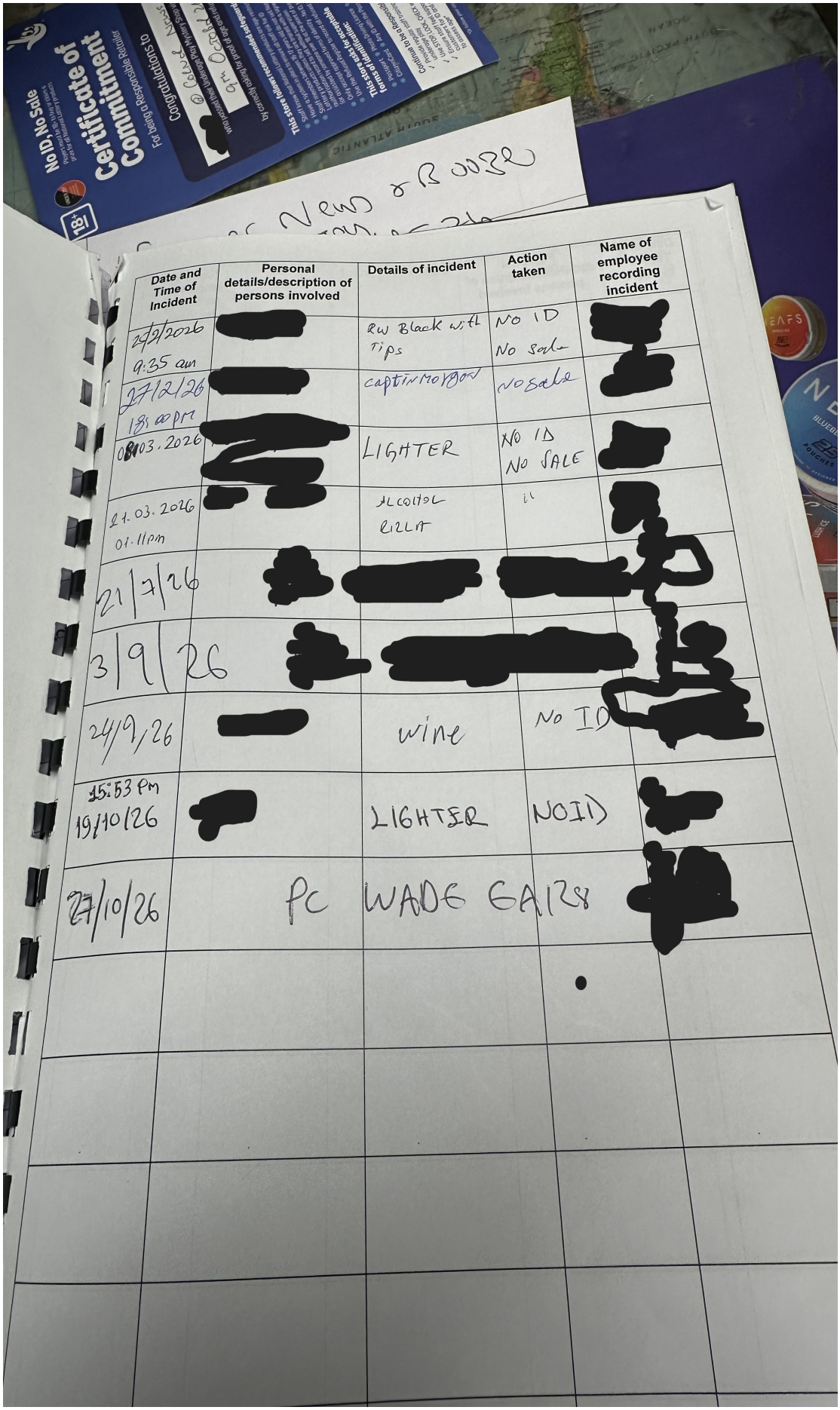

Date and Time of Incident	Personal details/description of persons involved	Details of incident	Action taken	Name of employee recording incident
29/2/2026 9:35 am	[redacted]	RW Black with Tips	No ID No sale	[redacted]
27/2/26 18:00 PM	[redacted]	captin morgan	no sale	[redacted]
08.03.2026	[redacted]	LIGHTER	NO ID NO SALE	[redacted]
21.03.2026 01.11pm	[redacted]	ALCOHOL RILLA	"	[redacted]
21/7/26	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
3/9/26	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
24/9/26	[redacted]	wine	No ID	[redacted]
15:53 PM 19/10/26	[redacted]	LIGHTER	NO ID	[redacted]
27/10/26	PC	WADE GAIRS		[redacted]

Written Authorisation for the Sale of Alcohol

I [redacted] (print name) the designated premises supervisor (DPS) authorise the following people to sell alcohol in my absence. I have provided training on preventing alcohol sales to persons aged under 18 to the named members of staff.

Personal licence number 2011/00183/LAPER

Issued by BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNC (name of Local Authority)

Date of expiry _____

DPS Signature [redacted]

Employee Name	Date	DPS Signature
[redacted]	23.05.2026	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	25.05.2026	[redacted]
[redacted]	28.05.26	[redacted]
[redacted]	25.07.26	[redacted]

From: Brighton Licensing
To: [redacted]
Cc: BHCC Licensing ([redacted]); "GRAHAM HOPKINS"
[redacted]
Subject: Best Deal/Corner News, 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JE - Letter Attached
Date: 27 October 2026 16:03:16
Attachments: Corner News Breach Letter 27.10.26.pdf

Dear Mr Baksi,

Please find attached a warning letter regarding your premises 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton. A hard copy has been sent to you at the premises address today.

Brighton & Hove City Council Licensing are cc'd into this email, as well as Graham Hopkins, who Police Licensing understand are acting for you regarding the Licence Review.

This letter will also be sent to Democratic Services for sharing with the Panel prior to the Hearing next week.

Kind regards,

Claire

Claire Abdelkader

Police Licensing Officer
Level 4 PALO Qualification
(she/her/hers)

Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit
Sussex Police | John Street | Brighton | BN2 0LA

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Brighton
BN2 0LA
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www.sussex.police.uk
Email: brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk

Ihsan Baksi
c/o Best Deal Convenience Store
178C Ditchling Road
Brighton,
East Sussex,
BN1 6JE

27/10/2026

Dear Ihsan Baksi,

RE: Licensing Act 2003 – Unauthorised licensable activities – Best Deal Convenience Store (PKA Corner News & Booze), 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JE

Sent by post to the premises. Copy also sent via email to:* [redacted] *

Our records show that you are the Designated Premises Supervisor and Premises Licence Holder for 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton. I write with reference to the above premises where Police Licensing Officers Claire Abdelkader and PC Jen Wade visited today (Tuesday 27th October 2026) to carry out a licensing inspection.

As you will be aware, the premises licence for 178C Ditchling Road is currently under a Review process as initiated by Sussex Police Licensing. We therefore went through the entire Part A with the staff member present, to ensure compliance and good working knowledge of the premises licence and conditions attached to it.

Our findings were as follows. Where conditions are not listed, they were demonstrated as being complied with/no apparent issues at the time of the inspection:

General:

4. No beer, lager, cider or perry with an ABV 6% or above shall be sold at the premises save that this shall not apply to premium beer, lager, cider or perry with an ABV 6% or above such as craft or speciality brands or brands produced by a micro-brewery, or brands produced to commemorate a national or local event.

Within one of the fridges (displayed for sale) were cans of 'Dragon Soop' which are 7.5% ABV and carry the following description: 'a fermented malt beverage'. Police Licensing are unsure if, by definition, this would be classified as beer and so have referred this product to BHCC Trading Standards and Licensing colleagues for their specialist opinion.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

6. A security mobile support unit will be used after the hours of 11pm.

The member of staff pointed to a business card taped behind the counter for 'Consec Risk' Security.

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He was not able to produce any paperwork or a contract to evidence that an MSU is in place – could you please email this to Police Licensing (brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk) at your earliest convenience.

8. a) An incident log will be maintained by the premises showing a detailed note of incidents that occur in the premises. The logs will be inspected and signed off by the DPS (or a person with delegated authority) at least once a week.

The incident log was inspected and had not been signed off by yourself, or anyone you had delegated authority to, since PC Wade last signed it on 3rd September 2026.

b) The logbook should be kept on the premises and be available for inspection at all times the premises are open by authorised officers of the Licensing Authority or the police. An incident will be defined as being one which involves an allegation of a criminal offence.

c) Any refusals made for alcohol service e.g. underage, will also be recorded (either in electronic or written form) and feedback given to staff as relevant.

The refusals log was inspected and it was noted a number of refusals had been recorded since PC Wade last signed the log on 3rd September 2026. However, there was no evidence that it had been reviewed by yourself as DPS or of any feedback being given.

d) The log will be kept for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months.

Protection of Children from Harm:

12. a) The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff members engaged or to be engaged, in selling alcohol at the premises shall receive induction training. This training will take place prior to the selling of such products:

- The lawful selling of age restricted products
- Refusing the sale of alcohol to a person who is drunk

b) Further verbal reinforcement/refresher training covering the above will be carried out thereafter at intervals not to exceed 8 weeks, with the date and time of the verbal reinforcement/refresher training documented.

c) All such training undertaken by staff members shall be fully documented and recorded. All training records shall be made available to Sussex Police, officers of the local authority and officers from the Trading Standards team upon request.

No training records were present for inspection, only the documents you emailed to Police Licensing on Sunday 6th September 2026 which showed staff had been trained in May 2026 and July 2026. Reinforcement/refresher training should take place and be documented every 8 weeks so should have last taken place around September 2026. There was no written evidence of this.

As mentioned, could you please provide us with a copy or evidence of the Mobile Security Unit contract via return email to brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk showing the start date of the provision.

I must advise you that it is an offence under Licensing Act 2003, S136(1) and (4) to carry on unauthorised licensable activities. The legislation states that: -

A person commits an offence if –

> *(a) he carries on or attempts to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises* ***otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation****, or*
>
> *(b) he knowingly allows a licensable activity to be carried on.*
> *A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine, or to both.*

Failure to adhere to the premises licence conditions constitutes an offence of carrying on licensable activity otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation. This letter acts as a **formal breach warning** and will be maintained unless evidence can be provided otherwise.

A record of these events will be placed on the premises file and a copy of this letter will be provided to the Local Authority and the Panel of Councillors in advance of the Review hearing next week.

If there are any matters within this letter that you wish to discuss, then please do not hesitate to contact us via the email address above.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Abdelkader
Police Licensing Officer
Local Policing Support Team

c.c Brighton & Hove City Council Licensing Team (via email)