

Licensing Panel (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

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Agenda Item
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003
Premises:	Corner News & Booze, 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JE
Premises Licence Holder:	Corner News & Booze
Date of Meeting:	4th November 2026
Report of:	Corporate Director for City Operations
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Ward(s) affected:	Hollingdean & Fiveways

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 To review a Premises Licence for Corner News & Booze under the Licensing Act 2003.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Panel review the licence granted to the premises known Corner News & Booze under the Licensing Act 2003.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION & CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Existing licence attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 Brighton & Hove City Council is both the relevant licensing authority and a responsible authority in respect of any premises and may in its capacity apply under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for a review of any premises licence in respect of the premises.
- 3.3 An application was received by the Licensing Authority on 16.09.2026 from Sussex Police, to review the licence granted to the premises known as **Corner News & Booze, 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JE**
- 3.4 The grounds for the review relates to the following Licensing objectives:
- The Protection of Children from Harm
 - The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Full details of the grounds for the review are in Appendix B and the appendices to the application can be found in Appendix B1

- 3.5 At this hearing the licensing authority must:

- Consider the application made in accordance with Section 51
- Consider any relevant representations
- Take such steps (if any) as are considered appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing objectives. These steps are
 - to modify the conditions of the licence
 - to exclude a licensable activity
 - to remove the designated premises supervisor from the licence
 - to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months, or
 - to revoke the licence.

And for this purpose, the conditions of a premises licence are modified if any of them are altered, omitted or any new condition is added. It may provide that the modification or exclusion have effect for a specified period not exceeding 3 months. The determination, if not completed at the hearing, shall be within 5 working days of the hearing. Such determinations do not have effect until after the appeal period or, if an appeal is lodged, until after the appeal is disposed of.

Representations received

- 3.6 Details of the representations made are notified to applicants on receipt by the Licensing Authority using a pro-forma. A summary appears below:
- 3.7 3 representations supporting the premises have been received from Local Residents on the grounds of the Protection of Children from Harm. The Licensing Authority submitted a representation supporting the application submitted by Sussex Police on the ground of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of Children from Harm.
- 3.8 Full details of the representations are attached at Appendix C. A map detailing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix D.

4. COMMENTARY ON THE LICENSING POLICY

- 4.1 The following extracts from Brighton & Hove City Council Statement of Licensing Policy are considered relevant to this application and **are numbered as they appear in the policy**:

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) and having regard to Guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Act. This policy takes effect from 5 January 2026. The licensing authority is Brighton & Hove City Council. The purpose of this statement is to promote the licensing objectives and set out a general approach to making licensing decisions. The discretion of the licensing authority in relation to applications under the act is only engaged if 'relevant representations' are made by other persons or responsible authorities. This policy will inform the approach to be taken when deciding applications and imposing conditions when relevant representations are received. It is also intended as a guide for applicants as to what to include in their operating schedules, always

recognising that if no representations are received, the application must be granted. The licensing authority must carry out its functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and this policy is framed around those objectives. Each application will be given individual consideration on its merit. The scope of this policy covers the following:

- Retail sales of alcohol.
- The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club, or to the order of, a member of the club.
- The provision of regulated entertainment.
- The provision of late night refreshment.

1.2 The licensing objectives are:

- (a) The prevention of crime and disorder.
- (b) Public safety.
- (c) The prevention of public nuisance
- (d) The protection of children from harm.

1.3 Scope

Licensing is about regulating licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events. Any conditions attached to various authorisations will be focused on matters which are within the control of individual licensees and others with relevant authorisations; i.e. the premises and its vicinity. Each application will be given individual consideration on its merit. Nothing in this policy shall undermine the right of any individual to apply under the terms of the act for a variety of permissions and to have any such application considered on its individual merits. Similarly, nothing in this policy shall override the right of any person to make representations on an application or seek a review of a licence or certificate where provision has been made for them to do so in the act.

3.4 The Matrix Approach

The Licensing Authority will support:

- 3.4.1 Diversity of premises: ensures that there is a mix of the different types of licensed premises and attracts a more diverse range of customers from different age groups, different communities and with different attitudes to alcohol consumption. It gives potential for positively changing the ambience of the city or an area of it. This will have a positive effect in reducing people's fear of crime and in increasing the number of evening visitors to the city centre. The Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy [Community safety and crime reduction strategy 2023 to 2026](#) recognises that too many single uses in a confined area and patrons turning out onto the streets at the same time may create opportunities for violent crime and public disorder and therefore supports: mixed use venues encouraging a wider age balance.
- 3.4.2 A 'Matrix' approach to licensing decisions has been adopted and is set out below. It provides a firm framework of what the licensing authority would like to see within its area and gives an indication of the likelihood of success or otherwise to investors and businesses making applications. It underpins the City Safety Policy (see above at 3.1).

Matrix approach for licensing decisions in a Statement of Licensing Policy (times relates to licensable activities)

	City Safety Area	Special Stress Area	Other Areas
Food & dining venues	1 am	1 am	1 am
Fast food premises	No	Midnight Deliveries until 2am	Midnight Deliveries until 2am
Cafe	10pm	10pm	10pm
Performance venues	Midnight	Midnight	Midnight
Grassroots Music venues	Midnight	1am	1am
Nightclubs	No	No	No
Public houses and bars	No	Midnight	Midnight
Non-alcohol led venues	Midnight	Midnight	Midnight
Off licences	No	No	Yes (Up to 11pm – (see note f below))
Shared workplaces, co-working offices	Midnight	Midnight	Midnight
Members' clubs	11pm	Midnight	Midnight

3.4.3 Explanatory notes on matrix

Definitions: each venue will be considered individually, and the below definitions may need to be applied flexibly depending on the business model of the specific venue

Food and dining venues	• Provide substantial table meals to customers dining at the premises • Food is prepared on site • Alcohol is sold to customers ancillary to a substantial table meal for consumption at the premises (or in an associated outdoor dining area) only • If takeaway service is provided, must be ancillary to provision of substantial table meals
Fast food premises	• Provide late night refreshment of fast food intended for immediate consumption on the premises or takeaway • Food is served in disposable packaging
Cafes	• Sell alcohol to customers for consumption on the premises in addition to other food and drink products • Food and drink is served to customers seated at a table including to any outdoor designated area • Food is prepared on site and the premises will have a fully operational kitchen • A full menu of the hot and cold food items available will be clearly on display within the premises.

	• Generally operate in the daytime and early evening only.
Performance venues	• Provide performances of live music, theatre, dance and other creative arts to entertain an audience • Includes live music venues, concert venues, cabarets and theatres • Does not include karaoke or Grassroots Music Venues
Grassroots Music Venues	• Grassroots Music Venues are small, typically local venues that provide a platform for emerging and independent musicians to perform. They are often pubs, clubs, or other small spaces where artists can hone their craft, gain experience, and connect with a local audience. These venues play a crucial role in nurturing talent and supporting the development of the music scene. • A member of Music Venues Alliance Brighton or Music Venues Trust or similar
Nightclubs	• Provide regulated entertainment and the sale of alcohol • Main licensable activity is recorded and live music with provision of dance floors, sound systems and light displays • Generally, operate at night and into early hours of the morning
Public houses and bars	• Sell alcohol to customers for consumption on the premises • Sale of alcohol takes place at the bar • Includes tap rooms and craft beer pubs • May also carry out other licensable activities • Does not include cafes
Non-alcohol led venues	• Cultural venues such as art galleries, museums, theatres • Experiential entertainment venues such as escape rooms and social gaming venues • Alcohol is sold to customers for consumption on the premises • Supply of alcohol is ancillary to entertainment offering • Does not include shared workplaces and co-working offices
Off licences	• Supermarkets and convenience stores which supply alcohol for consumption off the premises in addition to other retail products • Includes alcohol delivery services fulfilling remote orders for sale of alcohol • Restrictions on ABV% e.g. the Sensible on Strength 6% condition

Shared workplaces, co- working offices	Office premises in which individual workstations and meeting rooms are rented to solo workers and small businesses
Members' clubs	Premises authorised to carry out licensable activities under a club premises certificate

3.4.4 **Each application will be considered on its own merits.** However, the Licensing Authority will apply the Matrix Approach in all cases unless there are exceptional circumstances which justify a different approach.

- a). **Applications within the CSA** will be subject to a special policy requiring robust measures to be included in the operating schedule to promote safety. Applications within the SSA will be subject to the special stress policy set out in 3.3.
- b). **Exceptional circumstances.** The Licensing Authority will determine exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis. An example of exceptional circumstances could be where the applicant has provided sufficient assurances to the responsible authorities that they do not make relevant representations against the application. Another example is where the application is for a variation to an existing premises licence and the applicant satisfies the criteria for a “good operator”.
- c). **Activities which the Licensing Authority values and wishes to encourage:** LGBTQ+ and TNBI venues; outdoor regulated entertainment; cafes; members' clubs; traditional pubs (outside the CSA); non-alcohol led licensable activities, especially within the city centre. The Licensing Authority will aim to permit these types of venues in appropriate locations but will consider each case – including any relevant representations – on its own merits.
- d). **Location.** Consideration will be given to the character of the area of the venue in every case. In residential areas, the Licensing Authority will pay particular attention to the potential of a venue to cause public nuisance, especially noise disturbance, littering and anti-social behaviour. In these areas, an early closing time may be appropriate.
- e). **Food and dining venues.** The Licensing Authority will require conditions to ensure that these venues are food-led, such as: alcohol to be sold only to customers taking a substantial table meal; no takeaway service of food for immediate consumption (an ancillary meal delivery service is acceptable). Where the venue has an agreement to use an adjacent outdoor area, the Licensing Authority will require evidence that a pavement licence has been granted for use of the highway (for highway land) or landowner's consent (for land other than a highway).
- f). **Off licences.** Particular consideration will be given to applications for off-licences in areas which already have one or more off-licences in close proximity, due to concerns about street drinking, underage sales and anti-social behaviour. Where relevant representations are made raising these issues, the application is likely to be refused or – if it is appropriate to grant the application – granted subject to a terminal hour in line with neighbouring off licences.
- g). **Outdoor events.** Outdoor events will generally be supported where they have been arranged through the Council's event planning process.

3.5 Good Operator Policy

- 3.5.1 Good operators of licensed premises are valuable partners in assisting the Licensing Authority to promote the licensing objectives in Brighton and Hove and contributing to our city's unique and vibrant culture. The Licensing Authority has therefore decided to introduce a new policy measure – the Good Operator Policy – to reward and incentivise the responsible management of licensed premises. Under the Good Operator Policy, there will be a presumption in favour of granting applications to vary premises licences which are submitted by good operators as defined by this policy. This includes variations to trading hours beyond the hours indicated by the Matrix Approach. In general, the Licensing Authority will consider granting such applications to be appropriate for promoting the licensing objectives – unless there is clear and compelling evidence they would be undermined by granting the application.
- 3.5.2 A "good operator" is an applicant for an application to vary a premises licence who satisfies all of the following criteria:
- at the time of making the variation application, and at the time the application is determined, they are the holder of the premises licence subject to the application
 - in the 3 to 5 year period prior to submitting the application, the applicant has not been subject to any formal intervention by the responsible authorities in connection with that [or any other] premises in Brighton and Hove.
 - Formal intervention includes the following; a formal written warning; an application for review or summary review; a closure notice or closure order; a prosecution for an offence under the Licensing Act 2003; a penalty for employing illegal workers; or an abatement notice.

3.7. Off Licences

In recent years there has been a noticeable shift towards more people buying alcohol from shops and drinking at home prior to going into premises such as pubs and clubs. The council is concerned that alcohol loading from off-licence sales is a significant problem in the city and adversely affects the licensing objectives as it gives rise to problems of drunkenness, disorderly behaviour and a higher risk of alcohol sales to children. Representations from the police, local residents and the director of public health at licensing panel hearings have testified to these problems. Additionally, regular test purchasing carried out by Sussex Police in partnership with BHCC Trading Standards has identified that off licences continue to be a place where young people under the age of 18 can purchase alcohol illegally.

- 3.7.1 The city safety policy and area as well as the special stress area apply to off-licences as explained in the matrix approach at 3.5. But in general where applications are made for new premises or variations to existing licences, and where the police or others make representations against the grant of a further licence for off sales, the council will give specific consideration to restricting the number, type, and the hours of premises selling alcohol exclusively for consumption off the premises, training and levels of staffing, are appropriate to ensure that the licensing objectives are promoted in what may be challenging circumstances.
- 3.7.2 The Licensing Authority encourage off licences to join the Council led "Sensible on Strength" scheme to reduce the availability of cheap super

strength beers and ciders. Off licences voluntarily sign up not to sell cheap super-strength beers, lagers and ciders over 6% ABV and operate good practice measures (see 3.7.3), for which they receive an accreditation as a responsible retailer.

3.7.3 Areas of best practice that may be included in an Operating Schedule include;

- the installation of a digital CCTV system by liaison with, and to a standard approved by Sussex Police
- Challenge 25 policy
- Refusals system
- Documented staff training including underage sales, drunkenness and proxy sales
- Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol - operating schedules may be used to limit high ABV beers, lagers and ciders
- BCRP membership (or other accredited scheme)
- No sale of single cans
- Displays should not be located at the entrance/exit points or near checkouts
- Restrictions on types of alcohol e.g. specialist or geographical region only being sold

3.8 Alcohol Delivery Services

The Licensing Authority and Sussex Police have specific concerns around the delivery of alcohol off the premises due to issues around the end location of delivery, age verification checks (Challenge 25), the increased possibility of the alcohol coming into the CSA and SSA from other areas, as well as the personal safety of drivers when having to refuse a delivery at the end destination. Later hours also mean that persons can access further alcohol beyond what they may be able to access in their local area. There are concerns around persons who are already intoxicated ordering more alcohol to continue their night.

- 3.8.1** Alcohol delivery poses a unique set of challenges as it often transfers the final age verification to a person who has no responsibility in relation to the premises licence which authorised the sale of alcohol. A premises licence holder needs to be satisfied that their drivers or the delivery drivers of the third party company they chose to use have received regular and comprehensive training in age verification and identifying persons who have consumed too much alcohol. Consideration may be given to using drivers employed directly by the premises as opposed to third party providers.
- 3.8.2** Evidence has shown that customers have previously used landmarks/businesses not related to them as addresses for delivery so that alcohol could be consumed in open spaces/parks. The risk being that this may lead to increased crime and disorder including anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, as well as the possibility that underage persons can gain access to alcohol. Concerns have also been raised about the delivery of alcohol to known street drinking hotspots. Therefore, a condition requiring all deliveries to be to a verifiable residential or business address and a face to face ID verification is vital in mitigating some of this risk.

- 3.8.3 While the Licensing Authority and Sussex Police recognise this is a growing area of business, new or variation applications to include the delivery of alcohol off the premises will be subject to increased scrutiny. Suggested conditions for the provision of an alcohol delivery service can be found at Appendix A1. These are not exhaustive and each application will be considered on its own merits.

3.10 Promoters and irresponsible drinks promotions

- 3.10.1 The Licensing Act 2003 makes no mention or provision for the use of promoters within licensed premises. Many of the late night bars and clubs within the Brighton & Hove area regularly hire promoters to sell nights at their venues. Issues that have been identified with the use of promoters within the nighttime economy, in recent years include individual promoters vouching for underage customers to get them inside licensed premises where they can access alcohol, providing flyers to passersby who throw them on the floor and irresponsible promotions for their nights. Many premises now have an agreement with their promoter for acceptable promotions and behaviour which includes the signing of a written contract of expectations. This shows premises evidencing their due diligence and ensures that promotion companies know what is expected of them. The contract could include obligations to pick up self-generated litter, verification of ages of their customers and users of their social media, promoters being over the age of 18 and responsible advertising on social media.
- 3.10.2 The Licensing Authority expect licensed premises to develop staff policy and training on recognising signs of drunkenness, spiking and vulnerability, for example, offering drinking water and tips for refusing customers who appear drunk. And discourage company policies that promote bonuses and sales incentives for selling alcohol. Licensing Authority will expect necessary precautionary processes to restrict drunkenness, e.g. Licensing Guidance states happy hours should not be designed to encourage individuals to drink excessively or rapidly.

6. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the prevention of crime and disorder which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises. Conditions attached to licences and certificates will, as far as possible, reflect local crime reduction strategies.

- 6.1.1 The licensing authority acknowledges that training and good management play a key part in preventing alcohol and drug related crime. The authority expects that all licensees of on-licensed premises attend training programs which will raise their awareness of the issues relating to spiking, drugs and violence in licensed premises, and that suitable training be extended to all bar staff and door supervisors so that drug dealers and users will be deterred from using licensed premises for illegal purposes and that incidents of violence in licensed premises will be reduced. Licensees are also encouraged to attend training programs to help identify children at risk and issues of basic child protection and vulnerable individuals. It is the duty of the designated premises supervisor (DPS) to train staff on induction concerning conditions on their premises licence and their responsibility to uphold all four licensing objectives.

- 6.1.2 It is expected that the DPS will spend a significant amount of time on the premises. When not on the premises it will be essential that the DPS is contactable, particularly should problems arise with the premises and that staff are authorised by the DPS
- 6.1.3 The location of violent attacks, anti-social behaviour and hate crime or related incidents may be used to justify closing times.
- 6.1.4 Measures put in place should support the intentions of Operation Marble (police operational order), which aims to prevent incidents of crime and disorder within the night time economy, at weekends. Operation Marble operates with a view to minimising the risk to the public of being a victim of public place violent crime; to reduce incidents of violent crime and public disorder within the city centre; to deal positively with offences and offenders; to secure and preserve evidence which will assist in the prosecution of offenders and to support the night time economy and the responsibly run businesses within it.

6.2 Sussex Police

- 6.2.1 Sussex Police have a specific Operation relating to the night-time economy called Operation Marble (detailed in 4.3.7) and work closely with partners to ensure a safe and vibrant city centre. Police data shows the correlation between intoxication and violent crime is highest in the city centre. There continues to be an increasing demand for resources further into the early hours of the morning with the highest sustained risk during the week occurring on a Friday into Saturday between 22:00 – 04:00 (with moderately high risk until 05:00) and a Saturday into Sunday between 21:00 – 04:00 (again with a moderately high risk until 05:00). For full details of these statistics see the Police Data set at Appendix E.
- 6.2.2 The dealing and use of drugs remains an issue across the city and Sussex Police welcome proactive policies from licensed premises. A drug safe and seizure recording initiative is in place of which further details can be obtained by contacting Brighton & Hove Police Licensing (brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk). This initiative encourages licensed premises with Door Supervisors to search and seize drugs from persons attempting to enter their premises and ensures that once drugs are removed from persons, they can be safely collected and destroyed by Sussex Police. We ask that licensed premises make regular contact with Police Licensing to get seized items collected.
- 6.2.3 Dispersal from the city centre during the late evening and early morning remains a policing challenge. Over recent years, there has been a proliferation of off-licences and late night refreshment venues offering walk in/take away services along the city's arterial routes. This has led to incident 'hot spots' where patrons from the night time economy continue to interact, albeit away from any safety measures afforded by on-licences. As such, Sussex Police support the Council's Special Policy in offering guidance to both applicants and the Licensing Committee in relation to off-licences and late night refreshment licences.
- 6.2.4 Sussex Police have continuing concerns that, despite staff training in age-restricted sales, under age individuals are still being served alcohol both on and off the premises in some of the city's licensed premises. As such, regular intelligence-led 'test-purchase' operations are conducted to highlight premises where sales are

taking place and ensure appropriate enforcement action is taken to prevent further sales. The introduction of identification scanning machines at premises throughout the city has proved successful in mitigating some risk, but operators must maintain vigilance regarding the fraudulent use of genuine IDs. Sussex Police continue to work alongside the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP) to tackle the problem of those who use false or another's identification to enter licensed premises and purchase alcohol. The advent of digital identification means that the ID process is continually evolving. There is an expectation by Sussex Police and the Local Authority that licensed premises are proactive around staying informed and abreast of any changes and providing training / support to their staff as required.

- 6.2.5 Sussex Police work closely with venues and other organisations within the city to protect vulnerable people from becoming victims of crime. As well as work to prevent under age sales, vulnerability training is offered to identify persons who may have been made vulnerable through alcohol or drugs. Additionally, spiking awareness training has regularly been organised by the BCRP, the PCC and other external providers. Sussex Police also support initiatives such as (but not limited to) safe spaces, night safety marshals, mobile teams of volunteers actively checking people's well-being and the Beach Patrol.
- 6.2.6 Public Space Protection Orders have proved an effective tool for Sussex Police in targeting enforcement action in problem areas of the city. It *'allows Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers to remove alcohol from any person in a public place if that person is involved in anti-social behaviour (ASB) or the officer believes that by having alcohol in their possession there is an increased risk of ASB. It is an offence to refuse to hand over alcohol when required to do so.'* They have been particularly effective in the day time economy where members of the street community are causing ASB issues for members of the public and local businesses, especially during the summer months where there is a large influx of visitors to Brighton & Hove.
- 6.2.7 Policing the night time economy continues to provide a challenge and in the climate of limited resources and newly emerging problems, Sussex Police support maintaining a Special Policy in the city centre which defines areas of high crime and risk and offers restrictions around types of premises that will be granted to ensure that existing issues are not extended. Police will continue to take enforcement action where appropriate if the actions of a Premises Licence Holder, Designated Premises Supervisor, Door Supervisors or Staff have fallen below the high standard expected across the city. Sussex Police also recognise and support businesses which are aware of their social responsibilities and as such, actively contribute towards keeping Brighton & Hove a safe and enjoyable city.

6.3 Care, control and supervision of premises

- 6.3.1 The Licensing authority supports the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership and other approved schemes. Where appropriate, premises licence holders should be members of the BCRP for the deterrence to violent crime that such membership provides. The BCRP NightSafe radio scheme is normally expected as an operational requirement for city centre bars, clubs and pubs and is an example of best practice in achieving the aim of reducing crime and disorder and improving public safety. Well managed pub-watch schemes provide information exchange

between the premises licence holders and responsible authorities that reduce and deter violent crime and disorder. The council will support a responsible licensing scheme.

- 6.3.2 The effective management and supervision of a venue is a key factor in reducing crime and disorder, both within it and outside. The police will consider the applicants, objecting to the application where appropriate. The police may suggest crime prevention measures in relation to, for example, the internal layout of the premises, closed-circuit television, help points, lighting and security staff. The police may ask for conditions which support such measures to be imposed when licensing applications are granted, eg type of licence, capacity, operating hours restrictions.
- 6.3.3 Following the grant of a licence, the management and supervision of the premises, in so far as it might impact on crime and disorder, will continue to be monitored. Particular attention will be paid to any licensed premises where there is evidence of criminal activity or any association with racist or homophobic crime. The licensing authority will keep itself well briefed on the nature, location and type of premises where alcohol related violence and disorder are occurring so it can take full account of the facts and avoid exacerbating problems as required by the Community Safety Strategy. Where licensed premises are found to cause nuisance or be associated with disorder or unreasonable disturbance, the review process may be invoked, and powers of revocation or the imposition of conditions may be considered. Conditions may include use of closed-circuit television, licensed door supervisors and earlier closing times. Such action to restrict the operation may be taken for trial periods to allow businesses an opportunity to remedy existing disorder, nuisance or disturbance.
- 6.3.4 This policy recognises the use of registered Door Supervisors. All Door Supervisors will be licensed by the Security Industry Authority. Mobile security units and similar systems are in use by some premises operators as a means of providing security cover at very short notice at premises which may not normally require a permanent security presence. This policy endorses the use of units following such guidance and standards in appropriate circumstances.
- 6.3.5 The development of codes of practice and general operating standards for security companies is encouraged for local businesses; premises operators are urged to ensure that security services, when engaged, are provided by suitably qualified businesses operating to recognised standards and who should be working towards SIA accreditation.
- 6.3.6 Enforcement will be achieved by the enforcement policy appended (Appendix B).

9. Protection of Children from Harm

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the protection of children from harm; this includes emotional and physical harm which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises (for example the exposure too early to strong language and sexual expletives, e.g. in the context of film exhibitions or where adult entertainment is provided). It is intended that the admission of children to premises holding a premises licence or club premises certificate should normally be freely allowed without restricting

conditions (unless the 2003 Act itself imposes such conditions or there are good reasons to restrict entry or to exclude children completely).

- 9.1.1 Licensees should note the concern of the authority that drink related disorder frequently involves under 18's. To prevent illegal purchases of alcohol by such persons, all licensees should work with a suitable 'proof of age' scheme and ensure that appropriate identification is requested prior to entry and when requesting alcohol, where appropriate. Appropriate forms of identification are currently considered to be those recommended by the Home Office, police, trading standards officers and their partners (eg passport, photo driving licence or pass card). The advent of digital identification will bring new technologies and challenges which responsible authorities and licensees will need to be mindful of and have a personal responsibility to remain informed and trained on.
- 9.1.2 It is the licensing authority's expectation that all staff responsible for the sale of intoxicating liquor receive information and advice on the licensing laws relating to children and young persons in licensed premises. Licensed premises staff are required to take reasonable steps to prevent under age sales. The licensing authority will not seek to limit the access of children to any premises unless it is necessary for the prevention of emotional or psychological harm to them. Each application will be considered on its own merit but particular areas that will give rise to concern in respect of children are to be found in section 9.1.4 below.
- 9.1.3 To reduce alcohol-induced problematic behaviour by under 18 year olds, to enforce underage purchase and drinking laws and to assist in the protection of children from harm, the licensing authority supports the following measures: -
- a). Police should exercise powers (Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997) to remove alcohol from young people on the street
 - b). Police and trading standards should implement test purchasing to reduce sales to under 18s in on and off sales licensed premises
 - c). Further take-up of proof of age schemes will be promoted
 - d). In-house, mystery shopper type schemes operated by local businesses will be supported
 - e). Providers of events specifically catering for unaccompanied children should consider whether all staff at such events need to be DBS checked
 - f). Use of a PSPO in the City Centre
- 9.1.4 The licensing authority will not seek to require that access to any premises is given to children at all times – under normal circumstances this will be left to the discretion of the licensee. The following areas give rise to concern in respect of children, who will normally be excluded from premises:
- where there have been convictions for serving alcohol to minors or with a reputation for underage drinking;
 - with a known association with drug taking or dealing;
 - where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises;
 - where entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is commonly provided;

- where premises are used primarily or exclusively for the sale and consumption of alcohol and there is little or no seating for patrons.

Options may include:

- limitations on the hours when children may be present;
- age limitations (below 18);
- limitations or exclusions when certain activities are taking place;
- requirements for an accompanying adult;
- full exclusion of people under 18.

9.1.5 Licensees of premises giving film exhibitions will be expected to include in their operating schedules arrangements for restricting children from viewing age restricted films. Such premises will be subject to a mandatory condition requiring that access will be restricted to only those who meet the required age limit in accordance with any certificate granted by the British Board of Film Classification,

9.1.6 Where children are expected to attend a public entertainment, appropriate adult supervision will be required to control the access and egress of children and to protect them from harm. This will normally be an adult member of staff for every 100 children. Where the entertainment is music and dancing, 2 persons, licensed by the Security Industry Authority (door supervisors) should be employed for every 100 children but will be subject to advice within the Event Safety Guide. Nothing in this policy shall seek to override child supervision requirements contained in other legislation or regulations. For exclusively under 18 events reference should be made to police guidelines (available from the Police Licensing Unit, Brighton tel. 101). The licensing authority recognises the Director of Children's Services as being competent to advise on matters relating to the protection of children from harm. Applicants shall copy their applications to the Director of Children's Services in its capacity as the responsible authority. Copies should be sent care of the Police. The "What to do" booklet is a national one and can be accessed at: www.brightonandhovepsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/What-to-do-if-a-child-is-being-abused.pdf If you are concerned about a child locally to contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01273 290400, or you can contact Sussex Police on 101. If they think a child is in immediate danger to dial 999.

9.1.7 Trading standards and the police undertake ongoing enforcement operations around under-age sales and test purchasing. Sussex Police and BCRP undertake work concerning proxy purchases and counterfeit ID as part of the partnership support work with Community Safety and Trading Standards.

9.1.8 Trading standards have a programme of business support including training for local businesses to avoid underage sales. Trading standards offer business support including for local businesses to avoid underage sales. The training also covers identifying fake ID's, Challenge 25, intoxication, proxy purchasing and implementing due diligence measures.

9.1.9 Trading Standards also supplies business support materials guidance and advice on the enforcement penalties on all age restricted products for example vapes, tobacco, fireworks etc.

10. Integration of Strategies

10.1 The licensing authority shall secure the proper integration of this policy with local crime prevention, planning policy, transport, tourism and cultural strategies by: -

- Liaising and consulting with Sussex Police, Community Safety Partnership Board, sustainability commission representatives and following the guidance in community safety and crime and disorder strategy
- Liaising and consulting with Public and Drug and Alcohol Programme Board
- Liaising and consulting with the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- Liaising and consulting with the Safety Advisory Group (Emergency Planning)
- Liaising and consulting with the Planning authority
- Liaising and consulting with the Highways authority
- Liaising and consulting with local business and business associations. Having regard to any future documents issued relating to the Private Security Industry Act 2001, for example liaison or information sharing protocols
- Liaising and consulting with the Trading Standards Team, for example with regard to test purchasing codes of practice

10.1.1 In line with statutory requirements and the council's Public Sector Equality Duty, the Licensing Authority shall have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, and to promote equality of opportunity and positive relations between all people. This includes people who share protected characteristics, including but not limited to LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people, people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds and people of all faiths and none.

10.1.2 This policy supports the aims of the tourism strategy, recognising the benefits for the tourism economy of creating a safer and more attractive city centre and improving competitiveness with other European cities. The Licensing Committee should receive any reports relevant to the needs of the local tourist economy and the cultural strategy for the area to ensure that it considers these matters.

10.1.3 The Licensing Committee should receive relevant information relating to the employment situation of the area and the need for new investment and employment where appropriate.

10.1.4 Specific conditions may be attached to premises licences to reflect local crime prevention strategies. Such conditions may include the use of closed circuit television cameras, use of the NightSafe radio system or accredited scheme, the provision and use of shatterproof drinking receptacles, drugs and weapons search policy, the use of registered door supervisors, specialised lighting requirements, hours of opening. Certificates issued to club premises shall reflect local crime prevention strategies and may include any or all of the requirements listed above.

10.1.5 The licensing authority will have regard to the need to disperse people quickly and safely from the city centre to avoid concentrations which may produce disorder and disturbance.

10.3 Enforcement

10.3.1 The Enforcement of licensing law and inspection of licensed premises is detailed in the Protocol between Sussex Police, the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and

Brighton & Hove City Council. This protocol reflects the need for more efficient deployment of Police and Local Authority staff commonly engaged in licensing enforcement and can be found at Appendix D (Lead Agency Status) of the Statement of Licensing Policy. In addition, the Licensing Authority will have regard to its published Licensing Enforcement Policy in making enforcement decisions in accordance with Brighton & Hove City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (Appendix B). In order to better target enforcement resources, inspections will be undertaken outside of normal office hours and the sharing of information between all enforcement agencies will be encouraged through joint meetings or similar arrangements.

10.3.2 Attention is drawn to the targeting of agreed problem and high risk premises requiring greater attention as identified in the protocol. A number of other council and government policies, strategies and guidance documents must be considered to complement the policy, including:

- Community Safety & Crime Reduction Strategy
- Drugs and alcohol strategies – local alcohol harm reduction strategy
- Objectives of the Security Industry Authority
- The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003/ASBPC Act 2014
- The Health Act 2006
- The Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
- Policing and Crime Act 2009

11. Reviews

- 11.1. Reviews represent a key protection for the community. Where the licensing authority considers action necessary under its statutory powers it will take necessary steps to support the licensing objectives. Action following review will be informed by licensing enforcement policy – Appendix B.
- 11.2. Where style of operation of a premises leads to applications concerning likelihood of racist, religiously motivated, homophobic or transphobic crimes or incidents, the review process should also support the community safety policy. Action should be proportionate and licences would normally be suspended or revoked in these circumstances to deter further incidents.

APPENDIX A – Licensing Best Practice Measures

Best Practice Measures to be included for consideration, in the CSA and the SSA

Matters that would normally be expected in operating schedules:

- A general knowledge and understanding of the Licensing Act 2003 (The Act).
- The adoption of a policy (e.g. Challenge 25) with acceptable proof of ID.
- A smoking policy which includes an assessment of noise and litter created by premises users
- The use of reusable plastic and polycarbonate drinking vessels and containers, especially in outside areas or after specified hours
- A policy in relation to searching customers and for drugs, weapons, seized or lost and found property

- Keep and maintain refusals book for registering attempts to buy alcohol by under-age persons or refusals to those intoxicated
- The installation of a digital CCTV system by liaison with, and to a standard approved by, Sussex Police. With access available to individuals working on the premises.
- A documented equalities and inclusion policy framework that demonstrates a commitment to creating a fair, diverse, and inclusive environment.
- Policies for dispersal of customers which may include signage regarding taxi services', telephone numbers and advice to respect neighbours and minimise noise, this also includes for customers using external areas.
- Licence holders should have clear documented policies and procedures in place which identify all public safety risks associated with their premises for both customers and staff and measures implemented to prevent, manage and respond to those risks.

Items to which positive consideration would be given:

- membership of Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership
- use of 'NightSafe' radio system or similar accredited scheme
- regular training and reminders for staff in respect of licensing legislation, policies and procedures; records of which should be properly recorded and available for inspection
- records of regular checks of all parts of the premises in relation to drug use
- systems in place to ensure details of barred clients are exchanged with other operators
- giving an agreed minimum notice of special events (screening of major sports events, birthday parties, adult entertainment, etc.) to relevant authorities and use of appropriate additional measures at such events
- Staff should be aware of their responsibilities regarding smoke-free legislation and for monitoring compliance

Recommend best practice for both on and off premises

- Staff must be aware of the risk of the problem of proxy sales and offer assistance to responsible authorities to deter offences
- Signage on premises should set out legal duties
- Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol – operating schedules may be used to limit high ABV beers, lagers and ciders
- Staff training – in addition to personal licence holders training, staff must be adequately trained for duties
- Challenge 25 would be the norm, particularly in the off licence trade
- Appropriate signage and training for the deterrence of proxy sales

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The licensing Act 2003 provides for fees to be payable to the licensing authority in respect of the discharge of their functions. The fee levels are set centrally at a level to allow licensing authorities to fully recover the costs of administration, inspection and enforcement of the regime.

Finance Officer Consulted: David Wilder Date:27/10/2026

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The licensing authority must act to promote the four licensing objectives which are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

The licensing authority must have regard to its statement of licensing policy and the guidance issued by the Secretary of State in carrying out its functions.

Lawyer Consulted: Rebecca Sidell Date: 26/10/2026

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Diversity is valued and strong, safe communities are vital to future prosperity. Licensing policy aims to protect children from harm including sale and supply of alcohol to children.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Licensing policy aims to prevent public nuisance and develop culture of live music, dancing and theatre.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – Part A of Premises Licence
2. Appendix B – Review Application. B1 Review Appendices
3. Appendix C – Representations
4. Appendix D – Map of area

Documents in Members' Rooms

Brighton & Hove City Council, Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Licensing Policy 2026
[Statement of Licensing Policy 2026](#)

Home Office, Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, September 2026 [Revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003 - GOV.UK](#)

Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing – July 2025
[Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing | Tableau Public.](#)

Background Documents

Brighton & Hove City Council, Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Licensing Policy 2026.
[Statement of Licensing Policy 2026](#)



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Schedule 12 Part A

Regulation 33, 34

Premises Licence Brighton and Hove City Council

Premises Licence Number

1445/3/2026/01141/LAPRMV

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code

Corner News & Booze
178c Ditchling Road
Brighton
BN1 6JE

Telephone number 01273 509222

Licensable activities authorised by the licence

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

Every Day: 06:00 – 04:00

The opening hours of the premises

Every Day: 06:00 – 04:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies

Alcohol is supplied for consumption off the Premises.



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Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Mr Ihsan Baksi

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

REDACTED

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

Party Reference: **REDACTED**

Licensing Authority: Brighton & Hove City Council



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Annex I - Mandatory conditions

S 19; mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence
5. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
 - (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—
 - (a) a holographic mark, or
 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.

Minimum Drinks Pricing

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1 —
 - (a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979:
 - (b) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula—
$$P=D+(D \times V)$$
where—
 - (i) P is the permitted price,
 - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;



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- (c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force premises licence—
 - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
 - (d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
 - (e) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence—
3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule:

In regard to Minor Variation application 2026/01141/LAPRMV to remove existing and add below agreed conditions with Sussex Police:

General:

- 1. Authorised staff employed by Sussex Police in the role of licensing officer shall have the right of access to the licensed premises during hours of operation for the purpose of inspection of the premises and premises records in order to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 2. There will be no advertising of promotions/deals on any alcoholic product that can be seen from outside the premises including window posters and street signage.
- 3. There will be no advertising of alcohol placed on the outside footpath such as A-boards.
- 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.



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Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

5. Subject to GDPR guidance and legislation:
 - a) Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed in accordance with Home Office Guidelines relating to UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV System (PSDB Publication Number 09/05), operated and maintained throughout the licensable area of the premises. The system shall be on and recording at all times the premises licence is in operation.
 - b) The CCTV cameras and recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in all lighting levels inside the premises at all times.
 - c) CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days.
 - d) The management will give full and immediate cooperation and technical assistance to the Police in the event that CCTV footage is required for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.
 - e) The CCTV images will record and display dates and times, and these times will be checked regularly to ensure their accuracy.
 - f) The management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk (or other electronic portable device acceptable to Police e.g. USB) or provide footage via an online link as initiated by Police, without difficulty or delay and without charge.
 - g) Any breakdown or system failure will be notified to the police immediately & remedied as soon as practicable. This can be via email - brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk.
 - h) In the event of the CCTV system hard drive being seized as evidence as part of a criminal investigation by Police or for any other reason, the premises will be expected to install a replacement hard drive or a temporary replacement drive as soon as practicable.
6. A security mobile support unit will be used after the hours of 11pm.
7. There will be a minimum of two staff working after 11pm.
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.
 - 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.
 - d) The log will be kept for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months.



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Public Safety: None

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

9. Suitable signage will be at the exit to request co-operation of patrons to make as little noise as possible when leaving the premises. Patrons will be asked to leave quickly and quietly.

Protection of Children from Harm:

10. The premises will operate a "Challenge 25" policy whereby any person attempting to buy alcohol who appears to be under 25 will be asked for photographic ID to prove their age. The recommended forms of ID that will be accepted are passports, official Photographic Identity Cards issued by EU states bearing a hologram or ultraviolet feature, driving licences with a photograph, photographic military ID, biometric residence permit cards or proof of age cards bearing the 'PASS' mark hologram. The list of recommended forms of ID may be amended or revised with the prior written agreement of Sussex Police, the Licensing Authority and Trading Standards without the need to amend the licence or conditions attached to it.
11. Signage advertising the "Challenge 25" policy will be displayed in prominent locations in the premises.
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.

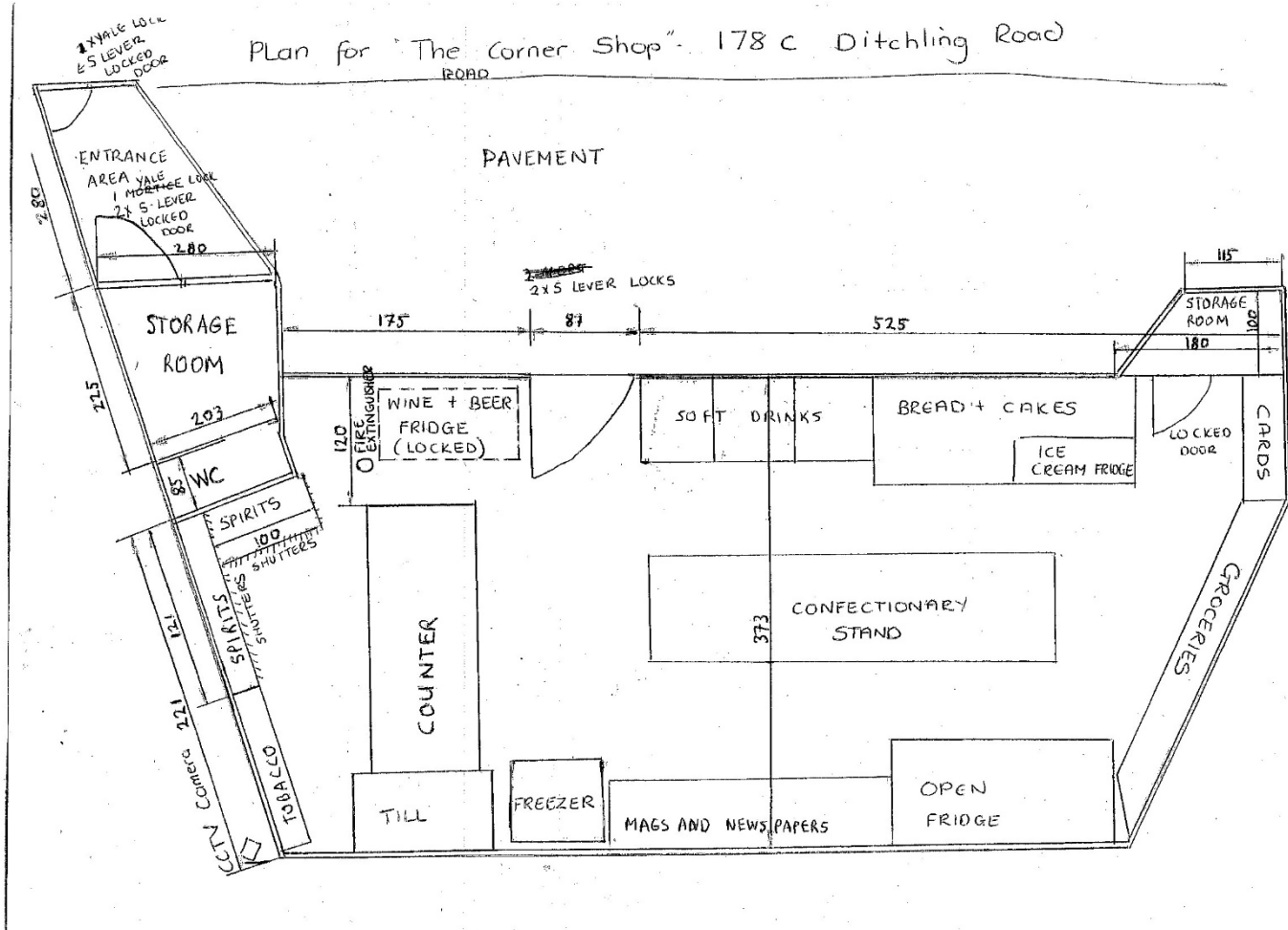
Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority: N/A



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Annex 4 – Plans



Appendix B

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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 Chief Insp Paul Nellis, Divisional Command, Brighton & Hove Police on behalf of Chief
Constable Joanne Shiner

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

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

Corner News & Booze (aka Best Deal Convenience Store)
178C Ditchling Road

Post town

Brighton

Post code (if known)

BN1 6JE

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

Mr Ihsan Baksi

REDACTED

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

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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

YES

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

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Please tick ✓ yes

I am 18 years old or over

**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

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Post town

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Post Code

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Daytime contact telephone number

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**E-mail address
(optional)**

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(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 Chief Insp Paul Nellis c/o Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit Sussex Police John Street Brighton BN2 0LA
Telephone number (if any) REDACTED
E-mail address (optional) brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

- | | |
|---|-----|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | Yes |
| 2) public safety | |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | Yes |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

Sussex Police contend that the following licensing objectives have been seriously undermined:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The protection of children from harm

Police Licensing have continuously attempted to work with the premises over a 12 month period to support the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) and Premises Licence Holder (PLH), Mr Ihsan Bakshi, to improve and comply with the conditions attached to the premises licence for 178C Ditchling Road.

Visits to the premises were carried out on 31st October 2025 and 21st January 2026 where breaches of the premises licence conditions were identified. Additionally, a Challenge 21/25 Test Purchase was carried out during the January visit which was failed by the member of staff present at the time.

A follow up meeting was held at John Street Police Station with Mr Ihsan Bakshi (DPS & PLH) on 19th March 2026. At this meeting proposed new conditions were discussed with Mr Bakshi to help support him and his staff to promote the licensing objectives effectively. Mr Bakshi subsequently submitted a Minor Variation to amend the conditions on the premises licence for Corner News & Booze (aka Best Deal Convenience Store) on 7th April 2026. This was then granted on 24th April 2026.

A period of three months was given to allow Mr Bakshi to implement the changes to conditions and train staff accordingly. Further visits by Police Licensing were then carried out on 22nd July 2026 and 3rd September 2026 where breaches of the premises licence conditions were again identified.

Despite intensive and prolonged intervention by Police Licensing, breaches of the premises licence conditions have persisted. Sussex Police contend there has been a failure to promote the licensing objectives by the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor, Mr Ihsan Bakshi, and the staff he has employed.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Corner News & Booze (aka Best Deal Convenience Store) is a licensed convenience store located on the corner of Ditchling Road and Upper Hollingdean Road. This is a residential area very popular with students, not far from London Road Station and close to Lewes Road.

The premises are authorised for the following licensable activities:

- Sale by retail of alcohol (off the premises):
Everyday 06:00 – 04:00
- Opening hours:
Everyday 06:00 – 04:00

The premises has a single floor and is a small shop with an entrance roughly at the centre of the shop front. The serving counter is located to the right as you enter and as well as alcohol, the rest of the premises stocks various items you would expect to see in a general convenience store e.g. food and household products.

Sussex Police are bringing the above premises to review following continued concerns that the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime & disorder and the protection of children from harm are being seriously undermined. This is due to a number of premises licence checks at the venue where breaches of the premises licence conditions have been identified, a failed Challenge 21/25 test purchase and a formal meeting at John Street Police Station. These issues have persisted despite an updating of conditions via a Minor Variation by the current PLH/DPS Mr Baksi, as well as ongoing guidance and opportunities for improvement that have not been acted on.

The premises were brought to the attention of Police Licensing on 5th September 2025 by investigation colleagues who had been trying to obtain CCTV from the venue. While the staff member there was helpful, there were issues around trying to download the footage as the staff member present did not know how to. The footage seen was noted by the attending PC to be of 'really poor quality'. A contact number for the staff member's boss was provided and follow up work was done to secure the footage. As a result of these initial difficulties, the premises was highlighted to receive a full licensing check from the Police Licensing Team in due course.

Below is a detailed list of the interactions, visits and meetings that Police Licensing have had with the premises from October 2025 onwards:

1. Friday 31st October 2025 – 22:50 – Full Licence Check

Police Licensing visited Corner News & Booze on 31st October 2025 at 22:50hrs to carry out a full licence check. The DPS, Mr Ihsan Baksi, was not present at the time of the visit but there were 2 other members of staff working who identified themselves as the DPS's brother and a 'neighbour/friend' who works with him. They stated that there were always 2 persons working in the premises from 23:00hrs, if not earlier.

PC Wade then carried out a full licensing inspection. She noted that Part B of the licence was displayed and correct. Part A of the licence was then gone through to ensure all conditions were being complied with. The following breaches were identified (condition number on licence (ref. 2019/04982/LAPRET) shown in **bold**):

1. The installed CCTV system will be suitably operated and maintained. CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 28 days, and the management will give full and immediate co-operation and technical assistance to the police in the event that CCTV footage is requested for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.

It was observed that CCTV was recording wrongly by 1 hour.

3. Challenge 21 Scheme in place whereby passport or driving licence ID to be accepted. A record of refusals of service will be kept.

While the licence condition states 'Challenge 21' PC Wade noted that there were 'Challenge 25' posters on display (which is the Police preference and city-wide standard). She spent a period of time inside the premises while completing the licence check and as this was Halloween evening, the shop was particularly busy. She witnessed a number of transactions taking place including:

- 2 young appearing customers (who presented as under 25 years of age) being served without any ID being requested. When the males were asked by PC Wade how old they were, they both presented ID which showed they were 20 and 21 years old.*
- A group of young presenting individuals, one of whom was intoxicated (in the opinion of PC Wade). A male with her attempted to purchase a bottle of wine and was asked for ID (likely only due to the presence of PC Wade and the previous interaction above). The male did not have any ID on him and so was refused. The intoxicated female then stated she would buy the wine. The male staff member looked to PC Wade and shrugged which was interpreted as a 'should I sell?', PC Wade suggested not really but that it was the staff members decision. He did then refuse the sale.*
- An older male, who PC Wade perceived as vulnerable due to his demeanour and presentation (he was mumbling to himself), entered the premises. The male staff member stated to PC Wade that this male always comes in and talks to himself or is 'drunk'. The male selected 4 x cans of K Cider (7.5% ABV) and placed them on the serving counter. The staff member again looked to PC Wade as if to ask, 'should I serve him?' PC Wade again suggested this was not the right thing to do. The staff member refused the sale and told the male customer it was because he was presenting as intoxicated. The customer became agitated and argued with PC Wade and the staff member stating he was only going home to drink them. He did eventually leave.*

PC Wade asked to see the record of refusals and watched the staff member record the 2 refusals she had seen during her visit. These were the first refusals recorded since August 2025. In total there were 6 entries for entirety of 2025 including the 2 for this evening.

Concerns were raised directly with the staff members present about their decision-making processes and the serving of persons who may be intoxicated, underage, alcohol dependant or vulnerable in another way. The staff member was reminded that evening by PC Wade that they have a personal responsibility to protect vulnerable people who are too young, intoxicated or who show other concerns, by actively making challenges. They were reminded that it was a condition on the licence to record every refusal of service.

This was also included in the breach letter to the DPS/PLH Mr Ihsan Baksi [Appendix 1] to highlight police concerns around decision making of members of staff working in the shop when he as DPS is not present to oversee alcohol sales.

It was noted that there were only 6 entries in the refusals book for the entirety of 2025 (10 months) and this included the 2 refusals PC Wade had witnessed that evening. Questions were raised around how often active challenges were being made, either for ID or intoxication, and whether these were being recorded properly.

2. Sunday 14th December 2025 – 18:50 – Breach letter (email)

PC Wade formalised what she had witnessed in a breach letter [Appendix 1] and sent this via email [Appendix 2] to the named PLH and DPS, Mr Ihsan Baksi, at the email address Police

Licensing held for him. PC Wade asked within this email that Mr Baksi respond to the letter accordingly.

3. Friday 2nd January 2026 – 18:00 – Hard Copy of Breach letter delivered

Having received no response to the email to Mr Baksi, PC Wade attended Corner News & Booze to hand deliver a hard copy of the breach letter [Appendix 1]. The member of staff present was given an envelope containing the breach letter and asked to pass this on to the DPS. They did provide a phone number but stated that he didn't have an email address. This was subsequently found to be incorrect and the email address that Police Licensing held on file for Mr Baksi was accurate.

4. Wednesday 21st January 2026 – 14:27 – Challenge 21/25 Test Purchase and Licensing Check

As part of Police Licensing's commitment to the protection of children from harm, test purchase operations are regularly carried out across Brighton & Hove. These include using persons over the age of 18 to visit premises and ensure they are adopting an age verification policy as per the mandatory conditions under Annex 1 (S19. 5 (1)). In the case of Corner News & Booze there was an additional condition on the licence (ref 2019/04982/LAPRET) stating:

3.Challenge 21 Scheme in place whereby passport or driving licence ID to be accepted. A record of refusals of service will be kept.

On 21/01/2026 a 20 year old male visited the store, selected a bottle of Asahi Lager and successfully purchased this without being asked to provide ID to confirm his age.

PC Wade and PALO Staplehurst then entered the store to speak to the staff member who served the male. The staff member gave his name as G [REDACTED] and stated he was part time and had only worked at the shop for approximately 3-4 weeks. He mentioned that he only works in the daytime.

As is usual practice, a full licence check was carried as part of this visit. A number of breaches were again identified, which are detailed below:

1.The installed CCTV system will be suitably operated and maintained. CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 28 days, and the management will give full and immediate co-operation and technical assistance to the police in the event that CCTV footage is requested for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.

CCTV was now showing the correct date and time on the visible TV screen but playback to check the 28 days recording could not be carried out as the staff member present could not operate the CCTV system.

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

G [REDACTED] was not aware of any security company when asked and couldn't provide any confirmation whether there was a contract in place or not. There was no paperwork readily available for him to check or show officers.

3.Challenge 21 Scheme in place whereby passport or driving licence ID to be accepted. A record of refusals of service will be kept.

As per the Test Purchase, a Challenge 21 scheme was not being adhered to as the 20 year old male was not asked for ID. This was despite Challenge 25 signs being displayed in the premises. When questioned why G [REDACTED] didn't ask the male for ID he stated that 'he looks over 18' and referred to him having a beard. The principles of Challenge 25 were explained to G [REDACTED] and he

was advised that photographic ID must be asked for when a customer presents as visually under 25 years of age (as designated by the posters displayed throughout the venue).

The refusals register was inspected by PC Wade and she noted there was only one entry since the last police visit on 31/10/2025 (nearly 3 months).

The breaches were particularly disappointing as there were minimal conditions on the premises licence (ref 2019/04982/LAPRET) and advice had already been provided via email and the hand delivered breach letter in December 2025.

Of note there was also small clear bags, pipes and grinders (drug paraphernalia) on sale at the counter [photo provided at Appendix 3]. The opinion of Police Licensing is that this not promoting the prevention of crime & disorder by stocking and selling these products.

5. Tuesday 27th January 2026 – 09:22 – Breach letter (email)

As a result of the above test purchase and licence check, a breach letter [Appendix 4] was produced which invited Mr Baksi (as PLH and DPS) to attend a follow up meeting at John Street Police Station with Police Licensing. This was sent via email [Appendix 5] to the same email address as the previous breach letter on 14/12/2026 which had now been confirmed as correct. Brighton & Hove City Council were also copied into this correspondence for their awareness.

6. Thursday 19th March 2026 – 12:30 – Meeting with DPS/PLH

Mr Baksi attended John Street Police Station for a meeting with PALO Hannah Staplehurst. During this meeting PALO Staplehurst went through Police Licensing concerns including the breaches of the licence conditions and the Challenge 21/25 test purchase failure. During the meeting advice was given on how to improve and what needed to be done to promote the licensing objectives. It was proposed that Mr Baksi apply for a Minor Variation to update the conditions on his premises licence. This would assist him and his staff to maintain the expected city-wide standard around operating procedures and record keeping, as well as promote and uphold the licensing objectives moving forwards.

This was followed up by an email to Mr Baksi at 16:14 [Appendix 6] thanking him for his attendance and providing the discussed proposed conditions [Appendix 7] for inclusion on a Minor Variation. A deadline for response and submission of a Minor Variation was given of Thursday 2nd April 2026.

Mr Baksi responded positively to this email at 23:48 [Appendix 8].

7. Tuesday 31st March 2026 – 15:30 – Email to DPS/PLH

PC Wade sent an email [Appendix 9] to Mr Baksi at his email address reminding him of the Thursday 2nd April 2026 deadline.

Mr Baksi responded at 15:39 the same day [Appendix 10] asking for further assistance as he was unsure how to submit the Minor Variation.

There were a number of emails back and forth between Mr Baksi and Police Licensing where he positively engaged and wanted to ensure the Minor Variation was submitted as discussed. These have not been included as they are largely administrative issues and ultimately the Minor Variation was submitted within the next 7 days.

8. Tuesday 7th April 2026 – Minor Variation

A Minor Variation application was received by Brighton & Hove City Council Licensing on 07/04/2026 and forwarded to Police Licensing for consultation on Wednesday 8th April 2026.

9. Wednesday 8th April 2026 – 12:41 - No representation raised (Email)

PALO Staplehurst (on behalf of Sussex Police Licensing) emailed Brighton & Hove City Council Licensing to confirm that there were no representations to be raised. [Appendix 11]

10. Friday 24th April 2026 – Minor Variation Granted

Following the end of consultation period for the Minor Variation and no representations being received, it was granted. The Minor Variation added updated and modern conditions to the licence to assist Mr Baksi moving forwards.

11. Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – 15:15 – Full Licence Check

A period of 3 months was allowed to elapse to give Mr Baksi a chance to implement all the updated conditions on the newly issued licence, train his staff and ensure all paperwork and record keeping was in place.

A full licence check was then carried out on 22/07/2026 by PC Wade. Mr Baksi was not present at the time of the visit and so the licence check was carried out with a male member of staff who stated he had worked at the shop for 'a long, long time'. It was noted that there was one page of Part B and one page of Part A (not required to be displayed) on display within the venue.

PC Wade reported the following breaches (condition number on current licence 2026/01131/LAPRMV highlighted in **bold**):

5. Subject to GDPR guidance and legislation:

a) Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed in accordance with Home Office Guidelines relating to UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV System (PSDB Publication Number 09/05), operated and maintained throughout the licensable area of the premises. The system shall be on and recording at all times the premises licence is in operation.

b) The CCTV cameras and recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in all lighting levels inside the premises at all times.

c) CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days.

d) The management will give full and immediate cooperation and technical assistance to the Police in the event that CCTV footage is required for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.

e) The CCTV images will record and display dates and times, and these times will be checked regularly to ensure their accuracy.

f) The management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk (or other electronic portable device acceptable to Police e.g. USB) or provide footage via an online link as initiated by Police, without difficulty or delay and without charge.

g) Any breakdown or system failure will be notified to the police immediately & remedied as soon as practicable. This can be via email - brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk.

h) In the event of the CCTV system hard drive being seized as evidence as part of a criminal investigation by Police or for any other reason, the premises will be expected to install a replacement hard drive or a temporary replacement drive as soon as practicable.

The male member of staff was unable to operate the CCTV system to demonstrate that it was on, recording for 31 days and that footage could be accessed without difficulty or delay by Police. When he was asked by PC Wade to show her the system he stated, 'oh no, I don't like it, I can't'.

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.

The male staff member had stated to PC Wade that he had worked at the premises for 'a long, long time' however when asked about training he said that he had not received any alcohol training has never signed a training record. When asked if there were any training documents present for PC Wade to inspect the male staff member said he did not know what this was or where it would be.

12. Saturday 1st August 2026 – 17:51 – Breach letter (email)

PC Wade sent an email [Appendix 12] to Mr Baksi to inform him of the licensing check carried out on 22/07/2026 and included a breach letter [Appendix 13] outlining the findings. This letter advised the seriousness of the continued breaches and warned that Police Licensing were considering a review of the premises licence if these matters were not rectified.

13. Thursday 3rd September 2026 – 15:00 – Full Licence Check

A further month was given to ensure that Mr Baksi had time to rectify the points raised and respond to the breach letter should he wish to. PC Wade then revisited Corner Booze & News to carry out a full licence check on 03/09/2026.

Upon entering the premises, PC Wade noted that the member of staff, G [REDACTED], who failed the Challenge 21/25 Test Purchase on 21st January 2026 was working. PC Wade had previously been told by Mr Baksi that G [REDACTED] was no longer working there as a result of the failed Test Purchase. She completed a full licensing check with G [REDACTED] and noted the following breaches (condition number on current licence 2026/01131/LAPRMV highlighted in **bold**):

5. Subject to GDPR guidance and legislation:

a) Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed in accordance with Home Office Guidelines relating to UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV System (PSDB Publication Number 09/05), operated and maintained throughout the licensable area of the premises. The system shall be on and recording at all times the premises licence is in operation.

b) The CCTV cameras and recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in all lighting levels inside the premises at all times.

c) CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days.

d) The management will give full and immediate cooperation and technical assistance to the Police in the event that CCTV footage is required for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.

e) The CCTV images will record and display dates and times, and these times will be checked regularly to ensure their accuracy.

f) The management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk (or other electronic portable device acceptable to Police e.g. USB) or provide footage via an online link as initiated by Police, without difficulty or delay and without charge.

g) Any breakdown or system failure will be notified to the police immediately & remedied as soon as practicable. This can be via email - brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk.

h) In the event of the CCTV system hard drive being seized as evidence as part of a criminal investigation by Police or for any other reason, the premises will be expected to install a replacement hard drive or a temporary replacement drive as soon as practicable.

G [REDACTED] was unable to operate the CCTV system and so 5 c) – 5 f) were unable to be inspected or verified.

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

PC Wade noted there had been no incidents recorded and the DPS (or person with delegated authority) had not signed the incident log since the PC Wade had signed the log on 21/07/2026. The refusals register (separate document) had 14 entries since 21/07/2026 but had also not been signed by the DPS (or person with delegated authority) since PC Wade signed the register on 21/07/2026.

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.

When questioned by PC Wade whether he had signed any training documents on his return (following the assurances he had left employment at the premises), G [REDACTED] stated that he had not which is a breach of 12 c).

PC Wade also reviewed the premises licence plan on the current licence (ref: 2026/01131/LAPRMV) to ensure the layout was accurate. She noted that the current layout did not reflect what was drawn on the plan. Specifically, the licence plan shows the area to the right of the sales counter should be a 'locked beer and wine fridge' however, on her visit open wooden

shelves stocked with red wine were found there. She also noted that it would appear the premises were stocking a greater amount of alcohol in different places than shown on the floor plan.

A breach letter was not issued following this visit as the decision was made to move forward with the review process.

14. Sunday 6th September 2026 – 15:24 – Email received from Mr Baksi

An email was received from Mr Baksi [Appendix 14] offering an explanation as to why G [REDACTED] was working at the premises again on 03/09/2026 and attaching photos of the 'Written Authorisation for the Sale of Alcohol' and 4 x training records. These logs did not appear to show training for anyone by the name of [REDACTED] and no one by this name was included on the 'Written Authorisation for the Sale of Alcohol' form either.

While it is positive that Mr Baksi has now provided these documents, the other continued breaches of the premises licence conditions remain. As a result, Police Licensing have lost confidence in Mr Baksi as a responsible operator.

Police Licensing have acknowledged this email with a reply but believe that there is no other option than to move forward with the review process at this time.

Sussex Police have attempted to work with and advise Mr Baksi over the last 12 months with early interventions including visits, letters and meetings while following a stepped approach. We refer to the Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (February 2026) at point 11.10 where it states:

11.10 Where authorised persons and responsible authorities have concerns about problems identified at premises, it is good practice for them to give licence holders early warning of their concerns and the need for improvement, and where possible they should advise the licence or certificate holder of the steps they need to take to address those concerns. A failure by the holder to respond to such warnings is expected to lead to a decision to apply for a review. Co-operation at a local level in promoting the licensing objectives should be encouraged and reviews should not be used to undermine this co-operation.

Sussex Police contend it should not take repeated interventions and warning letters to ensure the conditions on the licence are being complied with and the licensing objectives promoted. Early intervention was made in this case with numerous opportunities for improvement.

The late-night operating hours of the premises (until 04:00 daily) add an additional element of risk when considering this venue. Opening into the early hours of the morning and allowing additional alcohol to be sold off the premises increases this risk. Therefore, compliance to any conditions attached to the premises licence is of extra importance to ensure that this additional risk is minimised and managed.

In considering all of the evidence available, Sussex Police has paid due regard to the S182 Guidance (para 11.19) of the Licensing Act 2003, which states the following:

11.19 Where the licensing authority considers that action under its statutory powers is appropriate, it may take any of the following steps:

- modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition), for example, by reducing the hours of opening or by requiring door supervisors at particular times;*
- exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence, for example, to exclude the performance of live music or playing of recorded music (where it is not within the incidental live and recorded music exemption);*

- *remove the designated premises supervisor, for example, because they consider that the problems are the result of poor management;*
- *suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;*
- *revoke the licence.*

While considering all the steps that the licensing authority can take, Sussex Police do not believe revocation is appropriate in this instance. Mr Baksi has shown willingness to work with Police Licensing over the last 12 months, including submitting a voluntary Minor Variation to update his premises licence conditions. Unfortunately, he has not been able to evidence he can reach a consistent satisfactory standard of adherence to the premises licence conditions.

Modification of conditions has been considered but the majority of the conditions were amended and updated during the Minor Variation process in April 2026. However, some additional proposed conditions are put forward to be added to the licence as follows:

- From 22:00 a personal licence holder must be on duty at the premises and shall supervise and authorise every individual sale of alcohol.
- When alcohol is not for sale or no personal licence holder is present at the premises, alcohol must be covered or locked away, so it is inaccessible to customers.

A personal licence holder from 22:00 is proposed as this is viewed as the highest risk time and covers the time period when PC Wade witnessed a large number of potential challenges in October 2025. It will ensure a suitably trained and qualified individual is on duty when Mr Baksi cannot be there and will hopefully mean that robust challenges are made for every sale of alcohol into the early hours of the morning.

Reducing the opening times or excluding a licensable activity from the licence is not felt to be necessary in this instance. The licence only authorises one activity – the sale of retail of alcohol - and so there is nothing else to be excluded. Additionally, Sussex Police have no additional evidence that the opening times are having a negative impact, this case is about compliance and ensuring that Mr Baksi is running a safe premises that is promoting the licensing objectives.

Removing Mr Baksi as Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) will have minimal effect as he is also the Premises Licence Holder (PLH). There is no instrument under the Licensing Act 2003 to remove a PLH and so he will remain involved with the premises moving forward as the owner. It is believed he needs to spend more time at the premises in an active role as well as training and appointing suitably trained staff that he has confidence to sell alcohol responsibly in his absence. It is proposed he remain as DPS and be given an opportunity to rectify his lack of adherence and show positive improvement.

Sussex Police believe that a period of 8 weeks suspension of the premises licence would give Mr Baksi time to get all training, documents and a personal licence holder (if it will not be himself) in place. This is not intended to take away Mr Baksi's livelihood but to ensure that improvements are made, conditions adhered to and that ultimately, the licensing objectives are being actively promoted and upheld.

Giving regard to local policy and the Brighton & Hove Statement of Licensing Policy 2026, Sussex Police refer to Annex A (Page 69) – 'Problem Premises on Probation'. As part of a 'first intervention' we would suggest that points 8, 9 and 12 would be relevant here. We would contend that a proposed new condition requiring a personal licence holder to be on duty from 22:00 until close, a suspension of the premises licence for a period of 8 weeks (points 8 & 9) and a 'yellow card' (point 12) would be suitable in the case of Corner News & Booze (aka Best Deal Convenience Store). We also refer to point 3 (page 69-70) as relevant in this case:

3. Government wishes to support the enforcement agencies and licensing authorities by providing clear guidance on a "yellow card / red card" system, which would ensure a firm response to problems, but which give premises an opportunity to reform. The intention is that such a system

would be highly visible and send a clear message to alcohol retailers, and the public, that action will be taken against those who act contrary to the licensing objectives and the law.

In conclusion, Sussex Police request that the Licensing Authority seriously consider imposing the steps outlined above to prevent further ongoing undermining of the licensing objectives and to ensure offences under the Licensing Act 2003, S136 (1) and (4) (carrying out unauthorised licensable activities) do not persist.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

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 **REDACTED**

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Date 16th September 2026

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Capacity Chief Inspector Paul Nellis (Brighton & Hove Divisional Command Team)

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
PALO C Abdelkader Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit Sussex Police John Street	
Post town Brighton	Post Code BN2 0LA
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If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk	

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.

APPENDIX B1

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Dear Ihsan

Licensing Act 2003 – Unauthorised licensable activities
RE: Corner News and Booze, Brighton

Our records show that you are the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for Corner News and Booze. I write with reference to the above premises where Police Licensing officer conducted a visit on 31st October at 22:50. The Premises Licence conditions were checked in the presence of a staff member that stated he was your brother.

I witnessed some breaches of your licence during my visit. They are listed below. The most concerning being the lack of ID being requested. You are in a prime student area and at the time of my visit several young persons came in to purchase alcohol. You display challenge 25 posters in your premises. I witnessed, whilst standing in full uniform, your staff member serving two males, who looked to be under the age of 25. They both purchased alcohol and were not asked for ID. I asked the staff member why he didn't ID the male after the first sale was done. He said "oh he's been in here before, I recognise him, he is local" He then went on to serve the second male without asking for ID either. I asked both males how old they were, and they stated '20' and '21' and showed me their ID.

The second biggest concern was the super strength K Cider you have on sale at 7.5% proof. An older male entered the shop whilst I was there and the staff member suggested that he was a bit odd and comes in here a lot, likes to drink and does talk to himself. Both things were obvious to me as I watched the male select some items and put them onto the till. The last thing he put down was 4x cans of K Cider. The staff member looked at me as if to suggest what should he do. I said it's your decision but consider how the male is presenting. After some hesitation the staff member refused the sale. The customer was unhappy and began to argue and stated he was not drunk and he was just going to take these drinks inside and have them. I stepped in to assist your employee and stated he has a welfare duty to refuse the sale of alcohol if he does not think the person is fit to drink or there are concerns over the health and intoxication.

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I have no doubt that if I was not standing in your shop, the vulnerable male would have been served these cans. That is not responsible licensing and what adds to the concern is that two refusals I witnessed in my 30 minutes in your premises, were the only refusals listed in the alcohol refusal log book since Aug. With a total of 6 entries in 2025.

You have very limited conditions listed in your licence, however they underpin the 4 licensing objectives

Prevention of crime and disorder
Protection of children from harm
Public safety
Prevention of public nuisance

As a licensed premises you are expected to act responsible as a retailer of alcohol and in accordance with these objectives. The visit was disappointing, and a re-visit will take place. Please ensure staff are trained on alcohol sales and refusals and are actively doing so and recording refusals they make. Please also strongly consider removing K Cider from sale. Persons purchasing this drink are likely to be dependent on alcohol or are certainly looking for a way to become intoxicated as opposed to the enjoyment of other alcoholic options.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule:

For the Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

1. The installed CCTV system will be suitably operated and maintained. CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 28 days, and the management will give full and immediate co-operation and technical assistance to the police in the event that CCTV footage is requested for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.

CCTV was recording wrongly by 1 hour.

For the Protection of Children from Harm:

Challenge 21 Scheme in place whereby passport or driving licence ID to be accepted. A record of refusals of service will be kept

Staff member did not ID customers who looked to be under 25. Furthermore refusals that were witnessed by the police officer were 2 of the few entries made for the entire year of 2025. Regardless of whether ID has been seen before, ALL persons who look 25 and under are to be asked to verify their age by physical photographic ID, passports or driving licences.

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

(1) 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.*

(4) 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.

If there are any matters listed that you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact Sussex Police Licensing on the email address provided in this letter.

Yours sincerely

PC WADE [REDACTED]
Licensing Officer
Sussex Police

Please address all future correspondence to Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit, 1st Floor, Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA.

APPENDIX 2

From: [Brighton Licensing](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [EHL Licensing](#)
Subject: 311025 Corner News and Booze Breach Letter
Date: 14 December 2025 18:50:29
Attachments: [311025 Corner News and Booze Breach Letter.docx](#)

Dear Ihsan

Please see attached a letter following police licensing visit to your premises at the end of October.

Please respond to the letter accordingly, via email and let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

APPENDIX 3



APPENDIX 4



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Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit

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John Street
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BN2 0LA

Tel: 01273 018643

Email: brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk

21st January 2026

Corner News and Booze
178C Ditchling Road
Brighton
BN1 6JE

Dear Ihsan

Licensing Act 2003 – Unauthorised licensable activities

RE: Corner News and Booze

Our records show that you are the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for Corner News and Booze. I write with reference to the above premises where Police Licensing officers conducted a visit on Wednesday 21st January at 14:27.

The purpose of the visit was to test the challenge 21 condition that is on your licence. A [REDACTED] entered your shop on this day and selected a bottle of alcoholic beer. He successfully purchased that beer without the staff member asking them to prove their age.

The Premises Licence conditions were then checked by PC WADE [REDACTED], and police licensing officer Hannah Staplehurst. Below are the breaches listed that officers witnessed on the day.

This visit was disappointing and concerning. The licence has very minimal conditions, however that does not mean that the premises can operate irresponsibly. Conditions are underpinned by the overall licencing objectives and we do not believe that your premises is currently operating in support of those.

This is the second visit to your premises where breaches have been witnessed, and as such you will be required to discuss this in person with licensing officers at John Street Police station. A date and time will be provided via email for you to respond to.

Sussex Police Headquarters

Malling House, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, BN7 2DZ

Telephone: 101 | 01273 470101

Email: brighton.licensing@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating schedule:

For the prevention of crime and disorder:

1. The installed CCTV system will be suitably operated and maintained. CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 28 days, and the management will give full and immediate co-operation and technical assistance to the police in the event that CCTV footage is requested for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.
CCTV was not able to be properly viewed due to staff member not having access.
2. A security mobile support unit will be used after the hours of 11pm.
Staff member unsure of whether there is a security company contracted or not. There is no security radio in the shop and he was not able to produce a contract or provide a company name.

For the protection of children from harm:

3. Challenge 21 Scheme in place whereby passport or driving licence ID to be accepted. A record of refusals of service will be kept.
Challenge 21 was not adhered to. In addition to this condition, your premises promoted Challenge 25 by displaying notices as such.
The refusals book is not being used. There has only been one entry since the previous visit by police which was on 31st October 2025.

This visit was very disappointing, the breaches identified here, have been highlighted to you before. I must advise you that it is an offence under Licensing Act 2003, S136(1) and (4) to carry on any unauthorised licensable activities. The legislation states that: -

(1) 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.*

(4) 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.

The highlighted breaches constitute offences of carrying out licensable activities otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation (the premises licence and the attached conditions). Please ensure these breaches are rectified with immediate effect.

Please respond accordingly to this letter via our email address given at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

PC WADE [REDACTED]
Licensing Officer
Sussex Police

APPENDIX 5

From: [Brighton Licensing](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [EHL Licensing](#)
Bcc: [Staplehurst, Hannah](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Corner News and Booze - Police licensing visit
Date: 27 January 2026 09:22:00
Attachments: [210226 Corner news and Booze.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

Dear Ihsan

Police licensing visited your premises on Thursday 21st January 2026

The purpose of the visit was to test your challenge 21 condition on your licence. A [REDACTED] who was 20 years old, entered your store, selected an item of alcohol and successfully purchased that item. Unfortunately, the staff member on the day, failed to ask that minor for any identification.

PC WADE [REDACTED] and Licensing officer Hannah then entered your premises to talk your staff member and conduct a full licence check.

Attached is a formal breach letter from our visit.

Due to this being a second licence check at your premises and there is an on-going concern regarding the ID procedure, you are required to attend a meeting at John Street Police station with members of the licencing team, to discuss your conditions and the licensing objectives.

A separate email will be sent to you in due course, with a time and date for the meeting.

*Brighton and Hove Council licensing have been copied into this email for reference.

Kind regards

PC WADE [REDACTED]

Licensing Department | Brighton & Hove
Brighton Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA

APPENDIX 6

From: Brighton Licensing
To:
Bcc: [Wade, Jen](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Police Licensing meeting
Date: 19 March 2026 16:13:50
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Proposed Conditions .docx](#)

Hi Ihsan,

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

I hope you found our advice helpful.

I have attached the proposed Conditions which Sussex Police would like you to add to your premises licence, as we discussed in the meeting today.

If you require support with the variation, I can ask Council licensing to assist.

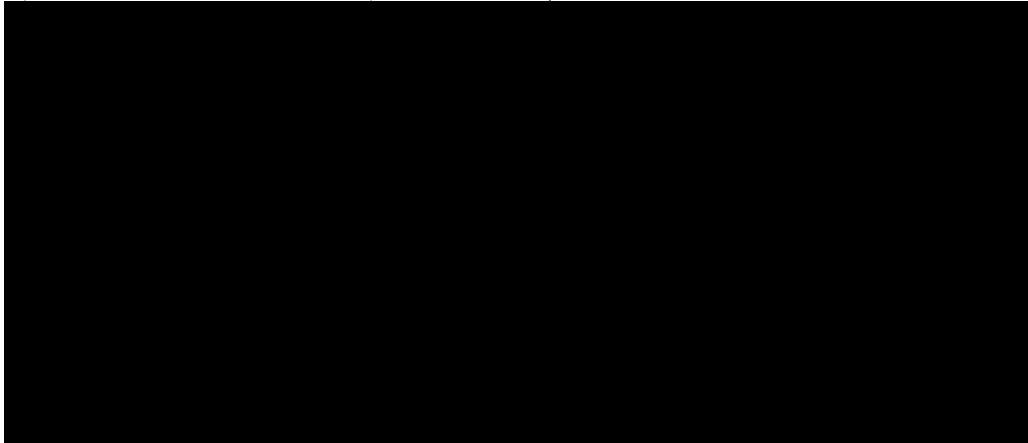
If you have any questions regarding the conditions, please don't hesitate to ask.

All I ask is that you reply with any questions ASAP and that the minor variation please be submitted by the 2nd April 2026.

Kind Regards

Hannah

Hannah Staplehurst



APPENDIX 7

Proposed Conditions for Corner News and Booze.

General:

1. Authorised staff employed by Sussex Police in the role of licensing officer shall have the right of access to the licensed premises during hours of operation for the purpose of inspection of the premises and premises records to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.
2. There will be no advertising of promotions/deals on any alcoholic product that can be seen from outside the premises including window posters.
3. There will be no advertising of alcohol placed on the outside footpath such as A boards.
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.

For the Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

5. Subject to GDPR guidance and legislation:
 - a) Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed in accordance with Home Office Guidelines relating to UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV System (PSDB Publication Number 09/05), operated and maintained throughout the premises internally and externally to cover all public areas, including the entrances/exits to the premises as well as any outside space. The system shall be on and recording at all times the premises licence is in operation.
 - b) The CCTV cameras and recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in all lighting levels inside the premises at all times.
 - c) CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days
 - d) The management will give full and immediate cooperation and technical assistance to the Police in the event that CCTV footage is required for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.
 - e) The CCTV images will record and display dates and times, and these times will be checked regularly to ensure their accuracy.
 - f) The management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV, and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk (or other electronic portable device acceptable to Police e.g. USB) or provide footage via an online link as initiated by Police, without difficulty or delay and without charge.
 - g) Any breakdown or system failure will be notified to the police immediately & remedied as soon as practicable.
 - h) In the event of the CCTV system hard drive being seized as evidence as part of a criminal investigation by Police or for any other reason, the premises will be expected to install a replacement hard drive or a temporary replacement drive as soon as practicable.

6. A security mobile support unit will be used after the hours of 11pm
7. There will be a minimum of two staff working after 11pm.
8.
 - a) An incident and refusals log will be maintained by the premises showing a detailed note of incidents and refusals 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.
 - b) The logbooks should always be kept on the premises and be available for inspection 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.
 - d) The logs will be kept for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months.

For Public Safety: None

For the Prevention of Public Nuisance:

9. Suitable signage will be at the exit to request co-operation of patrons to make as little noise as possible when leaving the premises. Patrons will be asked to leave quickly and quietly

For the Protection of Children from Harm:

10. The premises will operate a "Challenge 25" policy whereby any person attempting to buy alcohol who appears to be under 25 will be asked for photographic ID to prove their age. The recommended forms of ID that will be accepted are passports, official Photographic Identity Cards issued by EU states bearing a hologram or ultraviolet feature, driving licences with a photograph, photographic military ID or proof of age cards bearing the 'PASS' mark hologram. The list of recommended forms of ID may be amended or revised with the prior written agreement of Sussex Police, the Licensing Authority and Trading Standards without the need to amend the licence or conditions attaching to it.
11. Signage advertising the "Challenge 25" policy will be displayed in prominent locations in the premises.
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 the following 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.

APPENDIX 8

From: REDACTED
To: Brighton Licensing
Subject: Re: Police Licensing meeting
Date: 19 March 2026 23:48:39

Hi Hannah,

Thanks a lot for all the help and advice at the meeting. It has been a very useful meeting for me. Even though i came there with lots of stress but i actually gained lots of information and knowledge. I have enjoyed the meeting as both of you were so helpful and made me feel confident.

By the way, i meant to ask you at the meeting but i forgot. Is there any age restrictions on Energy drinks? I have read it on some papers and online but i have actually never been informed specifically for it by the council. I'll really appreciate if you could let me know about that.

Best wishes
Ihsan Baksi

On 19 Mar 2026, at 16:13, Brighton Licensing wrote:

Hi Ihsan,

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

I hope you found our advice helpful.

I have attached the proposed Conditions which Sussex Police would like you to add to your premises licence, as we discussed in the meeting today.

If you require support with the variation, I can ask Council licensing to assist.

If you have any questions regarding the conditions, please don't hesitate to ask.

All I ask is that you reply with any questions ASAP and that the minor variation please be submitted by the 2nd April 2026.

Kind Regards

Hannah

Hannah Staplehurst

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

APPENDIX 9

From: [Brighton Licensing](#)
To: REDACTED
Subject: FW: Police Licensing meeting
Date: 31 March 2026 15:30:08
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Proposed Conditions .docx](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Ihsan

A reminder that you have 2 days in which you submit your variation to licence conditions

[Make a change to a premises licence](#)

Thanks

PC WADE [REDACTED]

Licensing Department | Brighton & Hove
Brighton Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA

From: Brighton Licensing

Sent: 19 March 2026 16:14

To: 'I Baksi'

Subject: Police Licensing meeting

Hi Ihsan,

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

I hope you found our advice helpful.

I have attached the proposed Conditions which Sussex Police would like you to add to your premises licence, as we discussed in the meeting today.

If you require support with the variation, I can ask Council licensing to assist.

If you have any questions regarding the conditions, please don't hesitate to ask.

All I ask is that you reply with any questions ASAP and that the minor variation please be submitted by the 2nd April 2026.

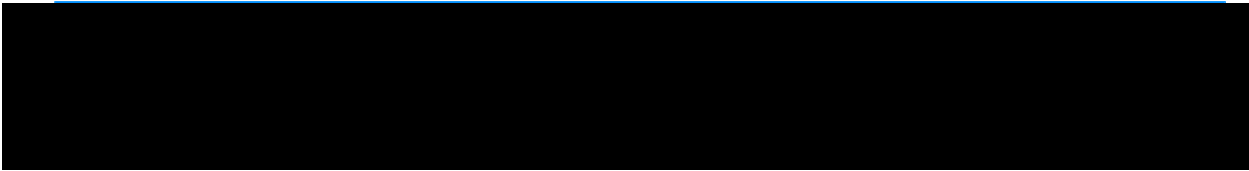
Kind Regards

Hannah

Hannah Staplehurst

APPENDIX 10

From: REDACTED
To: [Brighton Licensing](#)
Subject: Re: Police Licensing meeting
Date: 01 April 2026 16:57:54



Hi,

I am so sorry but seems like i'll not be able to submit the application without any help. I struggling to figure it out how to download and fill the form and do everything as required. Can i seek some help please.

Best wishes
Ihsan Baksi

On 31 Mar 2026, at 15:39, I Baksi wrote:

Hi,

I am aware that the time is running out but i don't know what to do from here. How do i submit the changes?

Regards
Ihsan Baksi

On 31 Mar 2026, at 15:30, Brighton Licensing wrote:

Hi Ihsan
A reminder that you have 2 days in which you submit your variation to licence conditions
[Make a change to a premises licence](#)
Thanks
PC WADE 

Licensing Department | Brighton & Hove
Brighton Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA



APPENDIX 11

From: [Brighton Licensing](#)
To: [EHL Licensing](#); [Brighton Licensing](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Minor Variation Application - Corner News & Booze, 178C Ditchling Road
Date: 08 April 2026 12:41:41
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Good afternoon,

Yes, Sussex Police Licensing have been pre consulting on this application. [REDACTED] if you would like a word copy of the conditions, please let me know.

Sussex Police have no objection to this Minor Variation application for the above premises.

Kind Regards

Hannah

	Hannah Staplehurst
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[REDACTED]

From: EHL Licensing <EHL.Licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 April 2026 12:14
To: Brighton Licensing <Brighton.Licensing@sussex.police.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Minor Variation Application - Corner News & Booze, 178C Ditchling Road

[REDACTED]

APPENDIX 12

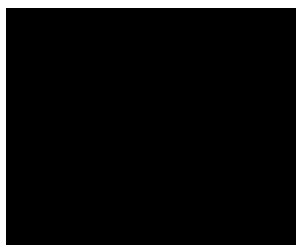
From: [Brighton Licensing](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 220726 breach letter - Corner news and Booze
Date: 01 August 2026 17:51:16
Attachments: [220726 breach letter - Corner news and Booze.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

Dear Ishan

Police licensing visited your premises on 22nd July 2026 and were disappointed to identify breaches.

Please see attached letter

Regards



Licensing Department | Brighton & Hove
Brighton Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA



Brighton & Hove Licensing Unit

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BN2 0LA

brighton.licensing@sussex.police.uk

1st August 2026

Dear Ihsan

Licensing Act 2003 – Unauthorised licensable activities

RE: Corner News and Booze,

Our records show that you are the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for Corner News and Booze. PC WADE [REDACTED] conducted a licence visit to your premises on 22nd July, following your meeting with police and minor variation to modernise the licence, we expected to see full compliance with your licence conditions. Unfortunately, this was not the case and several breaches were identified.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

5. Subject to GDPR guidance and legislation:

- a) Digital CCTV and appropriate recording equipment to be installed in accordance with Home Office Guidelines relating to UK Police Requirements for Digital CCTV System (PSDB Publication Number 09/05), operated and maintained throughout the licensable area of the premises. The system shall be on and recording at all times the premises licence is in operation.
- b) The CCTV cameras and recording equipment must be of sufficient quality to work in all lighting levels inside the premises at all times.
- c) CCTV footage will be stored for a minimum of 31 days.
- d) The management will give full and immediate cooperation and technical assistance to the Police in the event that CCTV footage is required for the prevention and detection of suspected or alleged crime.
- e) The CCTV images will record and display dates and times, and these times will be checked regularly to ensure their accuracy.
- f) The management of the premises will ensure that key staff are fully trained in the operation of the CCTV and will be able to download selected footage onto a disk (or other electronic portable device acceptable to Police e.g. USB) or provide footage via an online link as initiated by Police, without difficulty or delay and without charge.

CCTV could not be checked because the staff member was not able to operate the CCTV system.

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.

Staff member has worked at the shop for 'a long time' and has never signed for training. He wasn't sure what training log police were referring to and said "there is nothing here".

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

(1) 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.

(4) 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.

At this point we are seriously considering making an application for a review of the premises licence. Police will make another visit, and any breaches will result in an automatic review of your licence.

If you have any queries, please contact me or anyone else in the Police licensing Team via the e-mail at the top of the page.

Yours sincerely
PC WADE [REDACTED]

APPENDIX 14

From: REDACTED
To: [Brighton Licensing](#)
Subject: Re: 220726 breach letter - Corner news and Booze
Date: 06 September 2026 15:24:27
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi,

I have been told that you have paid another visit on Thursday 03.09.2026 while **REDACTED** was working at the premises. I know i have said that he is no longer working for me but yet he was there that day. Unfortunately i was desperate for that day as i was moving out from my carpet shop in Worthing that day. I have given trainings to all my staff and documents were there when you visited on Thursday but unfortunately i forgot to tell **REDACTED** where they were because i had to ask him at last second to open the shop. I know i have made a big mistake but i swear, i was very desperate on that specific day.



 Please find attached the training log books for all my current staffs.

Best wishes

Ihsan Baksi



On 1 Aug 2026, at 17:51, Brighton Licensing
<Brighton.Licensing@sussex.police.uk> wrote:

Dear Ishan

Police licensing visited your premises on 22nd July 2026 and were disappointed to identify breaches.

Written Authorisation for the Sale of Alcohol

I IHSAN BAKSI (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 [REDACTED]

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

Date of expiry _____

DPS Signature _____

Employee Name	Date	DPS Signature
[REDACTED]	23.05.2026	[REDACTED]
	24.05.2026	
	25.05.2026	
	28.05.26	
	25.07.26	

TRAINING

LOG BOOK

Date Of training	25.05.2026
Employee name	[REDACTED]
Description Of training	CUST. SERVICE, TILL OPERATIONS DATE CHECKS - HEALTH & SAFETY AGE REST. SALES (CHALLENGE 25) STORE SECURITY AND CCTV PROCEDURES EXPLAINED
Trainer Signature	[REDACTED]
Employee Signature	[REDACTED]

Notes: STORE PROCEDURES EXPLAINED
REFRESHER TRAINING TO BE REPEATED
25.05.2027

STAFF

TRAINING LOG BOOK

STAFF TRAINING LOG

Date Of training	23.05. 2026
Employee name	[REDACTED]
Description Of training	CUSTOMER SERVICE, T&C OPERATION DATE CHECKING, CLEANING, HEALTH & SAFETY, AGE RESTRICTED SALES (CHALLENGE 25) AND STORE SECURITY AND CCTV PROCEDURES
Trainer Signature	[REDACTED]
Employee Signature	[REDACTED]

Notes: EMPLOYEE DEMONSTRATED UNDERSTANDING OF
STORE PROCEDURES. REFRESHER TRAINING TO BE
COMPLETED ANNUALLY OR WHEN PROCEDURES CHANGE

STAFF

TRAINING LOG BOOK

STAFF TRAINING LOG

Date Of training	25.07. 2026
Employee name	[REDACTED]
Description Of training	CUSTOMER SERVICE, TILL OPER. DATE CHECKING, CLEANING HEALTH & SAFETY AGE REST, SALES (CHALL. 25) STORE SECURITY AND CCTV PROCES.
Trainer Signature	[REDACTED]
Employee Signature	[REDACTED]

Notes: EMPLOYEE TRAINED SUCCESSFULLY AND
UNDERSTOOD STORE PROCEDURES.
REFRESHER TRAINING WILL BE DONE ANNUALLY

TRAINING

LOG BOOK

Notes: STORE PROCEDURES EXPLAINED
REFRESHER TRAINING TO BE DONE ANNUALLY

Appendix C

SUP 1 - EF valid on the licensing objective of PCH.

From: REDACTED

Sent: 04 October 2026 19:02

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Corner News and Booze 178C Ditchling Road Brighton BN1 6JE

I respond to your notification at the above property.

I have lived at **REDACTED** and have known the owners of the shop for 13 years

In the numerous times I have frequented the shop I am very confident that anyone under age has been challenged when Trying to purchase items that are age restricted.

The owners and staff are of true integrity.

Regards

REDACTED

SUP 2 – EF valid on the licensing objective of PCH.

From: REDACTED

Sent: 12 October 2026 10:34

To: EHL Licensing

Subject: Representation regarding Corner News & Booze BN1 6JE

I am writing in response to the notice recently placed at Corner News & Booze at 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JE.

Our family has been **REDACTED** with this shop for well over a decade and I have marvelled at how congenial and kind **REDACTED** and his team always are in their near constant service of the community. The shop serves an incredible range of people and they are always calm, affable and fully responsible especially around children. We have always had a good relationship and I am more than happy to advocate for them.

I can say that the presence of the shop is very much a deterrent aswell as a safe haven should anyone feel threatened especially late at night. They are very familiar with the community and have good and responsible relations with the **REDACTED** flats that have some challenging people living there. I have born witness to the staff refusing to sell alcohol to customers and I have seen them regularly check I.Ds. They are absolutely a destination choice for scores of children coming from 4 different schools.

REDACTED

SUP 3 – EF valid on the licensing objective of PCH.

From: REDACTED

Sent: 12 October 2026 22:59

To: EHL Licensing

Subject: Corner News application

To whom it may concern

I learned with some dismay of the application from Sussex Police to review the licence of Corner News, off Ditchling Road.

Since moving to the area in 2015 I have been struck by the courtesy and professionalism of the staff here, and particularly the owner.

I have especially noticed the care and consideration with which they treat the elderly and vulnerable customers who rely on the shop, many of whom live in the neighbouring tower blocks. Staff show great patience, notably when their customers are counting out coins to top up their meter keys or pay similar bills and sometimes become bewildered by the complexity of the requirements.

In my personal experience, they have also looked out for my elderly neighbour, raising concerns with me when they had appeared to be confused or in a worsening condition.

My own teenage children use the shop and I have no fear whatsoever that they would be sold age-controlled products. I go in most days and have never witnessed any such sales myself.

I hope that the role of this business in the local community, and the important service provides, is not overlooked in any review of its licence.

Yours faithfully

REDACTED

REP A - EF valid on the licensing objectives of PCD and PCH.

REDACTED

Licensing Authority

Brighton & Hove City Council

Hove Town Hall

Norton Road

Hove

BN3 3BQ

Date: 12 October 2026

Our Ref: **REDACTED**

Phone:

e-mail:

Dear **REDACTED**

Licensing Act 2003

**Representation in support of an application by Sussex Police seeking a review of the
premise licence 2026/03625/LAREV**

Corner News and Booze, 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton BN1 6JE

I write to make a representation on behalf of the Council's Licensing Team, in their capacity as a responsible authority and guardian of our Statement of Licensing Policy, in relation to the application made by Sussex Police seeking to review the Premises Licence for Corner News and Booze, 178C Ditchling Road, Brighton BN1 6JE.

This representation is made as the Licensing Team have concerns that the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of Children from Harm are not being upheld.

The Licensing Team fully support the application of Sussex Police in order to promote the licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protection of Children from Harm and to uphold our Statement of Licensing Policy.

Yours sincerely

REDACTED

Appendix D



