Peterborough City Council, Licensing Section, Bayard Place, 
Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1FZ.

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, Simon Parr, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

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<th>Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</th>
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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
   a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
   b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
   c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
   d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

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

3) a member of the club to which this application relates
(please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Mr □ Mrs □ Miss □ Ms □ Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname
First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick □ yes

Current address

Post Town Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)
(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address

Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Hinchingbrooke Park
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE29 6NP

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail (optional)

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

Please tick one or more boxes

1) the prevention of crime and disorder

2) public safety

3) the prevention of public nuisance

4) the protection of children from harm

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note1)

This application to review the premises license for Baltia Off License is based on evidence which shows breaches to the licensing objective of:

- Crime & Disorder – the premises is being used for the sale and/or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.
Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 2)


‘Baltia’ is an off license / convenience store operating under a premises license (PL No: 071101) issued by Peterborough City Council (PCC). The premises was, until recently, known as JIP Convenience Store, when following a premises license transfer and designated premises supervisor variation, the name was changed to ‘Baltia’.

The new premises license holder is Mr. Marwan Jalal Jabari,  [REDACTED] The new designated premises supervisor (DPS) is Mrs. Gitana Siatkiene,  [REDACTED] The premises license allows the sale of alcohol between 08:00hrs and 23:00hrs Monday to Saturday and 10:00hrs and 22:30hrs on a Sunday.

The applications to transfer the premises license and vary the DPS were received by the Police and Licensing Authority in Mar 2015. Routine background checks were carried out at the time and the applications were processed. However recent information has come to light that has set doubt on the whole transfer process, that which we believe involves the sole purpose of criminality connected to the sale of illicit/counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol.

The application to transfer the premises license was made out in the name of Marwan Jalal Jabari of  [REDACTED] Peterborough. My investigation has revealed that this person does not live at this address, which is in fact the home address of the DPS son and the DPS when convenient. Marwan does in fact live in Scotland and has lived there at least since January 2013. Other checks confirm that he lives and works in Glasgow. What is certain is that Marwan does not live at  [REDACTED] – probably never has – and that his current address cannot be confirmed as being the correct official address for him. Therefore, any official correspondence in connection with the premises would most probably land in the hands of the DPS.

PC Gary Johnson of the CAN-Do Team recently carried out a number of visit to the premises, were the detail came to light. He attempted to speak with Marwan, after being told by the DPS that he was away on holiday in Scotland. Marwan confirmed he was in Scotland but categorically refused to give his address, and thereafter did not answer his phone.

It is believed that Marwan does not have any controlling influence or business connection with the premises and is merely a name on a piece of paper to facilitate the successful transfer of the Premises License to the DPS and her silent partner.

The DPS variation application, received at the same time, was made out in the name of Mrs. Gitana Siatkiene,  [REDACTED].
She holds an alcohol personal license, reference: 067992, issued by Peterborough City Council. Gitana was the owner of the Euroshop, 135 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough. Saade Jalal Jabar who was connected to the shop lives at [redacted] with his partner Gitana.

On Thursday 19th September 2013 Trading Standards made an appropriate and successful representation against a premises license application submitted by Gitana Siatkienė for Euroshop, which was supported by Cambridgeshire Constabulary. The applicants address as applied for on the paperwork indicated Peterborough.

The Euroshop had been under the scrutiny of HM Revenue & Customs and Trading Standards with successive finds of illicit / counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol. Previous history shows us that there were 3 seizures by HM Revenue & Customs in August 2011, November 2011 and January 2012. These seizures totaled over 160,000 foreign labelled cigarettes, 33.6 litres of Lithuanian Vodka and 121.6 litres of other alcoholic beverages from the Euroshop and Street. As a result Mr. Jabar was prosecuted, pleaded guilty and sentenced to 2 years in prison on 4 counts of knowingly keeping, harboring or in any manner dealing with those goods with intent to defraud her majesty of duty payable on those goods. The cigarettes and alcohol were’ confiscated and disposed of.

Whilst Gitana was investigated she was not formally charged, however she was at the premises each time an inspection took place, is the partner of Jabar and resides in the same address as him. She now operates the off license on Huntly Grove, whilst the premises license holder appears to have no direct or indirect connection to the premises.

Police Officers have attended the off license and found Jabar working at the premises, and on one occasion was painting the front door. He was described as being extremely nervous when he realized officers recognized him. Concerns were raised with myself and the responsible authorities and the transfer process was revisited more thoroughly.

In the meantime HM Revenue & Custom, Trading Standards and Police Officers from Operation CAN-Do executed a warrant at ‘Baltia’, 148-150 Huntly Grove on 10th May 2015. A substantial amount of illicit cigarettes and alcohol were found. The matter is still subject of a HM Revenue & Customs criminal investigation.

The Licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder is no being upheld by Gitana or those she associates with. Guidance in accordance with Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 Para 11.27 states –

“There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously”.

This includes amongst other criminal activity –

“The sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol”.

Para 11.28 states –

“It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered”.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary recommend the Premises License is revoked with immediate effect

Please tick

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

No

If yes please state the date of that application  Day  Month  Year

Suggested Recommendation:

Cambridgeshire Constabulary recommend that the premises license for Baltia Off License is revoked with immediate effect.

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, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.
Signature: 

Date: 19th May 2014

Capacity: Police Licensing Officer, Northern District, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

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If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.