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Notes from Meeting - 19th April 2023

ON 19th April, 20223, at the request of the Solicitor for Emrah Oruc, (Mahir Kilic), I met with them both at Stevenage Police Station in company of Pc Kerr (local Officer for the Oval).

This meeting was requested as Mr Oruc wanted to discuss his purchase and subsequent takeover of Oval Wines, Stevenage, from Emrah Demirci, in late November/December, 2022, who is currently in Prison.

Due to the fact that Mr. Oruc had recently become aware of the pending Council Hearing for the Premises Licence, and the circumstances of that hearing, he wanted to ensure that there was no misunderstanding about the ownership of the business. He is going to advertise that this is a new business, in the local paper.

Discussion took place around the breaches of the Licensing Act 2003, which occurred on the last visit by Police on 7th March, 2023, when it was found that Mr. Oruc had acquired the business and was running the shop, but was not qualified to do so, under that Licensing Act 2003.

He gave explanation with regard to the fact that he was not aware that Emrah Demirci was in prison, and that he believed he was on holiday, until he found it impossible to make contact with him with regard to the business. It was only at a later time he discovered the situation.

Mr. Oruc stated that he had recently passed the Personal Licence Certificate, and will be applying to take over as DPS at the shop asap.

He was also able to quote the four Licensing Objectives, and appeared fairly knowledgeable about what is expected, though will also learn by 'on hands' experience.

Much was talked about including the concerns in relation to the shop previously selling illegal vapes, and being dealt with by Trading Standards for that.

Mr Oruc has agreed that he would be ensuring that his stock will be legal and that he will not sell to underage customers.

He will have records of staff training available to Responsible Authorities to check, and will also have a current refusals book,

All those areas identified in the warning letter to the businesses following the visit by myself, on the 7th March, 2023.

Pc Kerr advised on local problems and ASB, and offered assistance should it be needed, in the future.

At the conclusion of the meeting we agreed to keep the channels open, and that we would be working together.

Area of slight concern to keep in mind:

Having read the bundle sent to me from his solicitor, about the purchase, there was a receipt from a Cash and Carry, and when reading this, I noted a 'Grinder' was purchased.

As I do know that Trading Standards had commented on the fact that the previous owner had Grinders for sale in the shop (which it was believed was for use with Cannabis), I asked Mr Oruc why he had purchased a grinder, out of interest. His whole demeaner changed and he became quite agitated towards me, asking if it was illegal, and why he shouldnt sell them? I did tell him it was just a question, and that I was just interested, but am quite concerned at how his persona changed.

Gillian Akroyd


Senior Licensing Officer, Stevenage Police Station

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Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of an Intervention carried out under the Licensing Act 2003


Trading name and address of Business	The oval wine 9 The oval, Stevenage
Telephone number	
Email address	
Proprietor of business	MR Emrah Oruc
People seen or interviewed	Name: EMRAH ORUC Position: premises licence holder Signature: 
Date and time of intervention	18/5/23 2pm
Areas inspected (specify)	Shop + Rear Storage area
Documents / Records examined	Premises Licence Summary, Plan refusals book
Action to be taken by SBC:	This report only / Revisit / Letter to follow / Formal action

Priority actions discussed during inspection (L) Legal (R) Recommendation (C) Contravention of conditions

- C/L - Amend premises plan submit application for Minor Variation (£9.00) check how long CCTV footage is stored for, if different from 30 days will amend via minor variation + change of name
- C/L - Display signs in window asking customers to respect neighbours + leave the area quietly
- R - delivered new premises licence by hand + have gone through all conditions, form left for DPS authorisation for sale of alcohol + age verification policy (This is a licence condition)
- Application for minor variation to be emailed over for completion by you.
- VARY DPS application to be completed once Mr Oruc receives his personal licence
- Julie.dwan@Stevenage.gov.uk

This report only covers the areas inspected at the time of the inspection. It does not indicate compliance with any provisions of the legislation quoted above. It is not a Statutory Notice requiring works to be carried out. In case of dispute please contact the Commercial & Licensing Manager, Environmental Health & Licensing.

Officer details

Signed by 	Date: 18/5/23
Name: JULIE DWAN	Direct Line: 01438 242 493
Designation: Licensing officer	

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**HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY**

CHECKLIST RE LICENSED PREMISES

INSPECTION VISIT SHEET:	
PREMISES:	Oval Wines
ADDRESS:	Oval, Stevenage
DATE AND TIME OF VISIT:	am 18/6/24
OFFICERS ATTENDING NAME & COLLAR NUMBER:	Police Senior Licensing Officer 7779 Akroyd Pc Hill
MANAGEMENT DETAILS:	
NAME OF DPS:	Hasan Polat
On site?	No
NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE & POSITION HELD AT PREMISES (i.e. Supervisor, Duty Manager, Staff Member)	Pamula Anur, 34, Wetherby Close Balajeevan Kumar, as above Both shop assistants
OTHER PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDERS PRESENT?	None
HAVE THEY READ THE PREMISES LICENCE INCLUDING THE CONDITIONS?	No
PREMISES LICENCE:	
IS PREMISES LICENCE SUMMARY ON DISPLAY	yes
IS PREMISES LICENCE CORRECT (SEE INTEL PACK)	Yes
PUBWATCH:	
ARE THEY PART OF PUBWATCH?	No
IF THEY ARE NOT THEN WHY NOT?	N/A
DO THEY WISH TO JOIN?	N/A
REFUSALS BOOK:	
DO THEY HAVE A REFUSALS BOOK?	Yes
IF THEY DO, WHAT WAS THE LAST ENTRY ;PRINTOUTRECORDED?	YES - 31.5.24, attempt to buy vape underage.
INCIDENT BOOK:	
DO THEY HAVE AN INCIDENT BOOK?	As above - joint
IF THEY DON'T THEN HOW DO THEY RECORD ANY INCIDENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PREMISES?	N/A
CONDITIONS CHECKED: ARE THE CONDITIONS BEING ADHERED TO? IF NOT THEN PLEASE RECORD DETAILS IN THIS BOX AND MAKE THE DUTY MANAGER AWARE OF THE BREACH:	
BREACH OF CONDITION	DETAILS OF CONDITION

Advice given to staff and Premises licence holder (Mr Oruc), over the phone whilst SLO on premises.	

SIA DOOR STAFF:

NAME OF COMPANY PROVIDING DOOR STAFF:

NAME OF HEAD DOORMAN:

TOTAL NO. OF DOOR STAFF ON DUTY AT TIME OF VISIT:

DETAILS OF DOOR STAFF PRESENT

FULL NAME & HOME ADDRESS	DOB	SIA NUMBER (INCLUDING EXPIRY DATE)	BADGE DISPLAYED	REASON FOR NOT DISPLAYING: PLEASE SEE REASON FOR NOT DISPLAYING BELOW
N/A			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	

- REASON FOR NOT DISPLAYING: IN TROUSER POCKET, INSIDE JACKET POCKETS, INSIDE SHIRT POCKET. THIS IS A BREACH THEREFORE PLEASE COMPLETE SIA OFFNCE WARNING NOTIFICATION.
- ARE THEY DISPLAYING A PHOTOCOPY, IF SO THIS IS A BREACH, THEREFORE PLEASE COMPLETE SIA OFFENCE WARNING NOTIFICATION.

CCTV

QUESTIONS	DETAILS/COMMENTS
IS CCTV WORKING, IF NOT WHY NOT?	YES
HOW MANY CAMERAS?	9 in shop 5 in store rooms

HOW LONG DOES FOOTAGE RETAIN FOR?	30 days	
WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE CCTV SYSTEM (Name & Position Held)?	DPS/Owner – Not able to demonstrate usage of CCTV, as staff do not have access to any controls or equipment – just sight of images on screen.	
WHO CAN OPERATE THE CCTV SYSTEM AND IS TRAINED TO DOWNLOAD ANY FOOTAGE (Name & Position Held)	DPS/Owner – when on site. Not on site at time of visit.	
FIRST AIDER AND FIRE MARSHALL		
NAME OF FIRST AIDER ON DUTY	None	
NAME OF FIRE MARSHALL ON DUTY	N/A	
FIRE SAFETY CHECKS:		
CHECKS COMPLETED	Y/N	DETAILS (IF NO INCLUDE ANY ADVICE GIVEN)
ARE ALL ESCAPE ROUTES CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS (if 'No' state locations)	Needs clearing	
IS THE SMOKE DETECTOR IN WORKING ORDER	Believed to be	
ARE ALL FIRE EXIT SIGNS DISPLAYED AT ALL ESCAPE ROUTES (if 'No' state locations)	Yes	
IS THERE SUITABLE LIGHTING AROUND ESCAPE ROUTES / FIRE EXITS (if 'No' state locations)	U/K	
ARE INTERNAL FIRE DOORS CLEARLY LABELLED (if 'No' state locations)	Yes	
ARE INTERNAL FIRE DOORS USED CORRECTLY I.E. TO REMAIN CLOSED DURING OPENING HOURS & NOT TO BE AJAR WITH ANY OBJECTS, ETC (if 'No' please state location)	No Advice given	Advisable to request Fire and Rescue attend next visit.
OTHER INFORMATION: I.E. UNDERAGE DRINKING (TAKE DETAILS OF THE PERSON/CHECK ID)		
N/A		

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Mary O'Sullivan

From: FATHERS, Matthew 2332
Sent: 13 September 2024 11:33
To: AKROYD, Gillian 7779
Cc: HILL, Steven 1628
Subject: MG11 Oval wines breach of licence PS Fathers
Attachments: MG11 Oval wines breach of licence PS Fathers.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Gill

Please see statement in relation to licence breach oval wines. Steve has footage that shows large scale disorder involving weapons directly outside their store. I believe suspects are using this store and they are complicit or involved. Was not a surprise to me when we asked the CCTV was not working and had not recorded anything. I will continue to work on this and breach them but feel we need to try and challenge the licence. Steve can provide you the footage if needed

Many thanks

Matt

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Mary O'Sullivan

From: AKROYD, Gillian 7779
Sent: 11 October 2024 13:12
To: EORUC234@GMAIL.COM
Subject: LETTER OF WARNING - OVAL WINES
Attachments: Letter Oval wines 20th Sept, 2024.docx

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good afternoon Mr. Oruc,

I am attaching a a copy of a letter of warning, sent to Mr Polat recently, in relation to the Oval Wines CCTV being unavailable to Police Officers when requested.

I have had no response from Mr. Polat, and as you are Premises Licence Holder, am forwarding a copy of that letter to you for your records and advice.

Kind regards,

Gillian Akroyd 7779
Community Safety Unit
Senior Licensing Officer
Stevenage



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Mobile: 07734496130

Gillian.akroyd@herts.police.uk

Prevention First

In a non-emergency, [report information online](#), [speak to us via web chat](#) or call via 101 (in an emergency, always dial 999).



CHECKLIST RE LICENSED PREMISES

INSPECTION VISIT SHEET:	
PREMISES:	Oval Wines
ADDRESS:	Oval, Stevenage
DATE AND TIME OF VISIT:	am 3/10/24
Athers PC Bu	Police Senior Licensing Officer 7779 Akroyd /Ps Fathers Trading Standards Officers SBC Officers Fire & Rescue Officers
MANAGEMENT DETAILS:	
NAME OF DPS:	Hasan Polat
On site?	No phone number available and no contact details for DPS Polat, who is not contactable by staff, other than via Emra Oruc.
NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE & POSITION HELD AT PREMISES (i.e. Supervisor, Duty Manager, Staff Member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamula Anur, 34, Wetherby Close • Balajeevan Kumar, as above <p>Both shop assistants</p>
OTHER PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDERS PRESENT?	None on site, and above do not have personal licences
HAVE THEY READ THE PREMISES LICENCE INCLUDING THE CONDITIONS?	No
PREMISES LICENCE:	
IS PREMISES LICENCE SUMMARY ON DISPLAY	yes
IS PREMISES LICENCE CORRECT (SEE INTEL PACK)	Yes
PUBWATCH:	
ARE THEY PART OF PUBWATCH?	No
IF THEY ARE NOT THEN WHY NOT?	N/A
DO THEY WISH TO JOIN?	N/A
REFUSALS BOOK:	
DO THEY HAVE A REFUSALS BOOK?	Yes
IF THEY DO, WHAT WAS THE LAST ENTRY ;PRINTOUTRECORDED?	Checked by SBC Licensing Officer
INCIDENT BOOK:	
DO THEY HAVE AN INCIDENT BOOK?	As above - joint
IF THEY DON'T THEN HOW DO THEY RECORD ANY INCIDENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PREMISES?	
CONDITIONS CHECKED: ARE THE CONDITIONS BEING ADHERED TO? IF NOT THEN PLEASE RECORD DETAILS IN THIS BOX AND MAKE THE DUTY MANAGER AWARE OF THE BREACH:	

BREACH OF CONDITION		DETAILS OF CONDITION		
DRUGS WIPES USED IN PREMISES		Positive results for Cannabis in:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Kitchen 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff toilet 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop counter both Staff and customer area 		
<i>Illegal tobacco, cigarettes and quantity of prescription Viagra on site</i>		Trading Standards seized items		
<i>Drugs paraphernalia stored onsite, and believed for sale</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Grinders • Very small plastic sealable bags • Small bags with Bob Marley photo on that bag 		
SIA DOOR STAFF:				
NAME OF COMPANY PROVIDING DOOR STAFF:				N/A
NAME OF HEAD DOORMAN:				
TOTAL NO. OF DOOR STAFF ON DUTY AT TIME OF VISIT:				
DETAILS OF DOOR STAFF PRESENT				
FULL NAME & HOME ADDRESS	DOB	SIA NUMBER (INCLUDING EXPIRY DATE)	BADGE DISPLAYED	REASON FOR NOT DISPLAYING: PLEASE SEE REASON FOR NOT DISPLAYING BELOW
N/A			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
			Y/N	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REASON FOR NOT DISPLAYING: IN TROUSER POCKET, INSIDE JACKET POCKETS, INSIDE SHIRT POCKET. THIS IS A BREACH THEREFORE PLEASE COMPLETE SIA OFFNCE WARNING NOTIFICATION. • ARE THEY DISPLAYING A PHOTOCOPY, IF SO THIS IS A BREACH, THEREFORE PLEASE COMPLETE SIA OFFENCE WARNING NOTIFICATION. 				
CCTV				
QUESTIONS		DETAILS/COMMENTS		
IS CCTV WORKING, IF NOT WHY NOT?		NO – subject of enquiry by SBC and Police		

HOW MANY CAMERAS?	9 in shop 5 in store rooms
HOW LONG DOES FOOTAGE RETAIN FOR?	30 days
WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE CCTV SYSTEM (Name & Position Held)?	DPS/Owner
WHO CAN OPERATE THE CCTV SYSTEM AND IS TRAINED TO DOWNLOAD ANY FOOTAGE (Name & Position Held)	DPS/Owner

FIRST AIDER AND FIRE MARSHALL

NAME OF FIRST AIDER ON DUTY	None
NAME OF FIRE MARSHALL ON DUTY	N/A

FIRE SAFETY CHECKS:

CHECKS COMPLETED	Y/N	DETAILS (IF NO INCLUDE ANY ADVICE GIVEN)
ARE ALL ESCAPE ROUTES CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS (if 'No' state locations)	Needs clearing	Fire and Rescue attended and have reported.
IS THE SMOKE DETECTOR IN WORKING ORDER	Yes	
ARE ALL FIRE EXIT SIGNS DISPLAYED AT ALL ESCAPE ROUTES (if 'No' state locations)	Yes	
IS THERE SUITABLE LIGHTING AROUND ESCAPE ROUTES / FIRE EXITS (if 'No' state locations)	U/K	
ARE INTERNAL FIRE DOORS CLEARLY LABELLED (if 'No' state locations)	Yes	
ARE INTERNAL FIRE DOORS USED CORRECTLY I.E. TO REMAIN CLOSED DURING OPENING HOURS & NOT TO BE AJAR WITH ANY OBJECTS, ETC (if 'No' please state location)	No Advice given	

OTHER INFORMATION: I.E. UNDERAGE DRINKING (TAKE DETAILS OF THE PERSON/CHECK ID)

Stevenage Borough Council Licensing have completed a full inspection and will supply breaches found.

Witness Statement



Statement of (name) **Elaine KNOWLES**

Age (if over 18 enter 'Over 18') **Over 18**

This statement, (consisting of **5** page(s) each signed by me,) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the **10th** day of **October**, 2024

Signed *Elaine Knowles*

1. I am a Senior Trading Standards Officer employed by Hertfordshire County Council Trading Standards Service. I have been active in this role for approximately 20 years.
2. As such, I am duly authorised under several statutes including the Trade Marks Act 1994 and the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, together with other pieces of relevant legislation, including the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 and the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015. My statutory powers derive from the Consumer Protection Act 2015.
3. Part of my duties include acting on complaints and intelligence received from members of the public and other enforcement agencies, including Hertfordshire Police.
4. Towards the end of June 2024, Hertfordshire Trading Standards received a complaint via Gillian Akroyd 7779, Senior Licensing Officer, Community Safety Unit, Stevenage Police in relation to Oval Wines, 9 The Oval, Stevenage SG1 5RA and possible illicit tobacco being sold from there. In response to that

Signed : *Elaine Knowles*

Continuation of the Statement of **Elaine KNOWLES**

complaint, I went to the premises on 2 July 2024, with my colleagues Mark KEMPSTER, Courtney STRACHAN and Sarah KING.

5. I entered the premises at approximately 13.20 on 02/07/2024 and saw that there was a young Asian man behind the main counter in the shop. I showed him my credentials and explained that I was there to conduct a tobacco and vapes inspection, but would look at other items in the shop, including the alcohol. I informed him that I had a Notice of Powers and Rights for him to read and sign, which he did. He gave his name as Pamula ANIL and told me that his boss was not present, but his name was Mr Emrah ORUC. I produce a copy of the Notice that I gave to Mr Anil as **EMK/1**.
6. During the visit, I was checking items on the shop floor and behind the main counter when Mark KEMPSTER directed my attention towards illicit tobacco products hidden between cans of drink in the storeroom area. Some were branded products which I can state did not comply with the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 and the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015. The other items I suspected to be counterfeit in contravention of the Trade Marks Act 1994. I observed that someone had taken time to remove cans of drink from the middle of each palette with the purpose of hiding illegal tobacco there, away from the legitimate tobacco contained in the gantry behind the counter in the main shop.
7. There was a mixture of four Amber Leaf 50g pouches, 12 Golden Virginia 50g pouches and also five packets of "KAMAGRA ORAL JELLY". It is my understanding that Kamagra shares the same active ingredient as the drug "Viagra", which is a prescription only medication and cannot legally be sold in an

Signed : *Elaine Knowles*

Date : 10/10/24

Continuation of the Statement of **Elaine KNOWLES**

off-licensed premises.

8. These items were seized under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 powers and a receipt for items seized was given to Mr Anil to convey to Mr Oruc the owner of the business. I produce a copy of the receipt referred to as **EMK/2** and can further state that I gave Business Companion guidance leaflets on Tobacco and Vapes, as well as advice on the law relating to Age-restricted Sales, since I noted that there was no statutory tobacco notice on display and that the Refusals Log was not being completed regularly. I left the premises at around 14.20.
9. On 3 October 2024, I then took part in a multi-agency operation co-ordinated by Gillian AKROYD. Also present were my colleagues from Hertfordshire Trading Standards, Mark KEMPSTER and Sarah KING, colleagues from Police, Fire Protection and Stevenage Borough Council.
10. I entered Oval Wines at around 11.40 am on 03/10/2024 and saw that there were two young Asian males present, one of whom I recognised from my previous visit in July 2024. I showed him my credentials and explained that I needed him to sign a Notice of Powers and Rights which explained the powers Trading Standards Officers have to enter a business premises and carry out an inspection. I explained that we had colleagues with us carrying out different roles, but I would write down anything I found and give him a copy at the end of the visit. The young man gave his name as Pamula ANIL, DOB 19/03/1998 of 34 Wetherby Close, Stevenage and signed my notice, before receiving the top copy. I produce the Officer's Copy as **EMK/3**.
11. Not long after that, Gillian AKROYD handed me a mobile phone and told me that the owner of the shop wanted to speak to me. I took the phone and noted that

Signed : *Elaine Knowles*

Date : *10/10/24*

Continuation of the Statement of **Elaine KNOWLES**

the name on the screen was Emrah ORUC. I introduced myself and explained the purpose of my visit. I clarified that I was speaking to Mr Oruc, the owner and I heard the reply in the affirmative. I spoke to Mr Oruc on the telephone at quite some length, during which time I heard Mr Oruc become more agitated. I recall that he asked me why he was receiving so many visits from the enforcement authorities. I informed him that Trading Standards was required to respond to complaints and intelligence received but that if he wished to make a complaint, then he could contact the Head of Trading Standards accordingly. He later said that he did not want to make a complaint.

12. Shortly after that telephone conversation had taken place, I was called into the rear storeroom of the shop by my colleague, Mark KEMPSTER, who showed me a palette of canned drinks on the floor which had several cans missing, replaced by tobacco products to keep them concealed from view, as before in July 2024. There were a total of four palettes like this, each containing hidden tobacco products. I took photographs, printed copies of which I produce as **EMK/4** to **EMK/7**.
13. I could see that the concealed tobacco products were a mixture of cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco. There was a total of 19 x 50g pouches of hand-rolling tobacco and 360 cigarettes. Also hidden in the palettes was four boxes of KAMAGRA ORAL JELLY and two extra loose packets.
14. Therefore, I seized all the illegal tobacco and Kamagra in accordance with my powers under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and sealed them in evidence bags using tamper-proof security tags.
15. I produce and identify my Inspection Report Form 63111 for Oval Wines, dated

Signed : *Elaine Knowles*

Date : *10/10/24*

Continuation of the Statement of **Elaine KNOWLES**

03/10/2024 which was checked and signed by Mr Pamula ANIL, as **EMK/8**. I left a copy as a receipt for everything which was seized and asked that it be passed to Mr Oruc for his information. I left the premises at approximately 13.20.

16. The evidence was taken to the Hertfordshire Trading Standards secure evidence store and booked in according to the department policy on Logging and Retention of Evidence.
17. The case is now being investigated and appropriate action will be taken in line with the Hertfordshire County Council Enforcement Promise. *Elaine Knowles*

Signed : *Elaine Knowles*

Date : *10/10/24.*

Hertfordshire County Council Trading Standards

Room 346, Old Block, Postal Point CH0330, County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8DQ
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NOTICE OF POWERS AND RIGHTS

ISSUED UNDER CODE B of THE POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984
OR THE PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012 CODE OF PRACTICE
OR in relation to FOOD LAW or FEED LAW ENFORCEMENT VISITS

Unless there is suspicion of an offence, the Code of Practice on Powers of Entry issued under the Protection of Freedoms Act, (or where relevant the Food Law Code of Practice or Feed Law Enforcement Codes of Practice) will apply. If, at any time, during the inspection, the officer has reason to suspect that an offence may have been committed, then the provisions of Code B of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) will become applicable and the officer may wish to exercise additional powers. The officer should advise you of this change should it occur and may issue an additional notice. In either case the powers used have been summarised, as far as practicable, on the reverse of this Notice, together with a summary of your rights. **It is an offence to intentionally obstruct a Trading Standards Officer when seeking to exercise a power or to fail, without reasonable cause, to give other assistance or information that they may reasonably require.* see overleaf for full explanation.**

Premises name and Address *EWKHAM ORUC 07507 152047*
..... *THE OVAL WINGS*
..... *9 THE OVAL*
..... *STOURFACE SQ1 FKA*

Name and position of person receiving the notice (and warrant, if applicable)
.....
or left at.....

Officer in Charge (ask to see their credentials or identification)..... *E. KNOWLES*

Date/Time..... *02/07/2024 17.30*

POWERS OF ENTRY Without an Entry Warrant **Under an Entry Warrant** (Copy attached)

Legislation: *CONSUMER RIGHTS ACT 2015*

Reason why entry is needed..... *Inspection of premises re tobacco, alcohol, food etc*

The visit is being carried out using statutory powers contained in the legislation above

CONSENT TO EXERCISE POWERS
Even where powers exist and Advance Notice is given you will be asked to consent to the visit (unless this would frustrate its purpose). You do not have to consent to this visit and you may withdraw your consent at any time before it is concluded. However if consent is withheld, a power to enter premises and inspect will still exist.

I hereby consent to the officer named carrying out the stated activities at these premises, and understand that information obtained may be used in court proceedings.

Signature..... *P. AMI* Status Relative to Premises..... *Employee*
Name (Block Capitals).....

CONSENT TO INSPECTION WITHOUT POWERS (PACE Act Code B)
Where no powers exist an officer may still ask for entry, or may ask to inspect or make use of equipment held on the premises (e.g. a Scanner or till equipment) for which no power at that time exists. You do not have to consent to this and you may withdraw your consent at any time before it is concluded.

I hereby consent to the officer named inspecting any goods records or documents held on the above premises and understand that information obtained may be used in court proceedings.

Signature..... Status Relative to Premises.....
Name (Block Capitals).....

ADVANCE NOTICE (Not required for Food and Feed law related visits)
Where appropriate and practicable, we have to give you advance notice before an officer reasonably considers that giving notice would defeat the object of the visit as a result of your invitation. In any event you may be asked to waive the do.

I hereby waive my right to Advance Notice Signed

Description <i>POWERS NOTICE 2/7/24</i>	
I identify this exhibit as that referred to in my statement made and signed by me	Identifying Mark <i>EMU/1</i>
Signed <i>Elaine Knowles</i>	Date <i>10/10/24</i>
Exhibit Number	

Hertfordshire County Council Trading Standards Inspection Report Form

Emma O'Neil (owner)

Reference: 62050

Legal Name of Business: THE OVAL WINE

Date: 02/07/2024

Trading as (if applicable):

Time:

Address: 9 THE OVAL STEVENAGE, 551 FRA

Type of business: OFF LICENSE

Please note that during the course of my visit to your premises today, I found as follows / advise you to take the following corrective action: -

CONSUMER RIGHTS ACT 2015.

Inspection of off-licensed premises including tobacco products, vapes + alcohol. Seized the following as not being legal:

- 78 x Gold Bar vapes - G50220.
- 4 x Amber Leaf pouches - G48777.
- 12 x Golden Virginia pouches - G41779.
- 5 x Jelly banana - G48778.

- Food Information Regs 1994 - non-permeated colours in chest-3 (Yellow 6) - non-OC for sale. Check stock + ensure GB name + address given.
- No statutory tobacco notice.
- Blends + tights must be in tobacco cabinet.
- Gave advice about underage sales. Refusals book is not being maintained. Please check up to date.
- Check pricing on shelves.

Officer: E. Knowles

Tel: 01707 292 429

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acknowledged by: PAUL Name:

Position: Employee

(Signature)

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Business email: Leaflets given: underage sales, tobacco + vapes advice

This report only covers the areas examined at t
It does not necessarily indicate full compliance
It is not a statutory improvement notice. Please
For further information or general advice for
Hertfordshire County Council, Regulatory Servi
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Signed Emma Knowles Date 10/10/24

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NOTICE OF POWERS AND RIGHTS

ISSUED UNDER CODE B of THE POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984 OR THE PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012 CODE OF PRACTICE OR in relation to FOOD LAW or FEED LAW ENFORCEMENT VISITS

Unless there is suspicion of an offence, the Code of Practice on Powers of Entry issued under the Protection of Freedoms Act, (or where relevant the Food Law Code of Practice or Feed Law Enforcement Codes of Practice) will apply. If, at any time, during the inspection, the officer has reason to suspect that an offence may have been committed, then the provisions of Code B of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) will become applicable and the officer may wish to exercise additional powers. The officer should advise you of this change should it occur and may issue an additional notice. In either case the powers used have been summarised, as far as practicable, on the reverse of this Notice, together with a summary of your rights. It is an offence to intentionally obstruct a Trading Standards Officer when seeking to exercise a power or to fail, without reasonable cause, to give other assistance or information that they may reasonably require.* see overleaf for full explanation.

Premises name and Address THE OVAL WINES 9 THE OVAL STEVENAGE J.G.I. FRA 07507 152047
Name and position of person receiving the notice (and warrant, if applicable) PAMULA ANIL 19/3/98
or left at 34 WETHERBY CLOSE STEVENAGE
Officer in Charge (ask to see their credentials or identification) E. KNOWLES
Date/Time 7/10/24

POWERS OF ENTRY Without an Entry Warrant Under an Entry Warrant (Copy attached)
Legislation: CONSUMER RIGHTS ACT 2015
Reason why entry is needed: Inspection of premises for tobacco / alcohol / food etc
The visit is being carried out using statutory powers contained in the legislation above

CONSENT TO EXERCISE POWERS
Even where powers exist and Advance Notice is given you will be asked to consent to the visit (unless this would frustrate its purpose). You do not have to consent to this visit and you may withdraw your consent at any time before it is concluded. However if consent is withheld, a power to enter premises and inspect will still exist.
I hereby consent to the officer named carrying out the stated activities at these premises, and understand that information obtained may be used in court proceedings.
Signature: P.A.N.I. Status Relative to Premises: Employee
Name (Block Capitals):

CONSENT TO INSPECTION WITHOUT POWERS (PACE Act Code B)
Where no powers exist an officer may still ask for entry, or may ask to inspect or make use of equipment held on the premises (e.g. a Scanner or till equipment) for which no power at that time exists. You do not have to consent to this and you may withdraw your consent at any time before it is concluded.
I hereby consent to the officer named inspecting any goods records or documents held on the above premises and understand that information obtained may be used in court proceedings.
Signature: Status Relative to Premises:
Name (Block Capitals):

ADVANCE NOTICE (Not required for Food and Feed law related visits)
Where appropriate and practicable, we have to give you advance notice before a visit. If an officer reasonably considers that giving notice would defeat the object of the visit it is as a result of your invitation. In any event you may be asked to waive the right to do.
I hereby waive my right to Advance Notice Signed

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Signed *Clair Kowalski*

Date *10/10/24*

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Hertfordshire County Council Trading Standards Inspection Report Form



Reference: **63111**

Legal Name of Business: **ENRATH ORICE THE OVAL WINES** Date: **2/10/24**

Trading as (if applicable): Time: **11.45**

Address: **9 THE OVAL, STOVENAGE SG1 5RA**

Business email: Business type: **OFF LICENSE**

Please note that during my visit to your premises today, I found the following:-

CONSUMER RIGHTS ACT 2015.

Illegal tobacco inspection. Found the following in rear storeroom:

- Amber Leaf FINE (counterfeit) x 10
 - Amber Leaf FINE (non-duty paid) x 3
 - Golden Virginia FINE (non-duty paid) x 4
 - Platinum Blue x 200
 - Marlboro Touch x 140
- } \$57678
- } \$57677
- Kamagra Oral Jelly x 4 boxes + 2 extra packets.
- Prescription only medication.
- } M230#1087
- Amber leaf x 1 in small bag on peg hanging up

- Marlboro Touch x 20 - M02586486 (M03586401)
- Amber leaf x 50g - M03586479

Officer: **E. KNOWLES** Signature: **EM**
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Recipient: **PAMOLA ANIL** Signature: **P. Anil**
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Mary O'Sullivan

From: Emrah Oruc <eoruc234@gmail.com>
Sent: 15 October 2024 17:15
To: AKROYD, Gillian 7779
Subject: Re: LETTER OF WARNING - OVAL WINES

Caution: Someone outside of BCH police sent you this e-mail. You must only click on links or open attachments if you are expecting this e-mail and you trust the sender.

Hi Gillian,

I understand you wanted footage for the 4th oct.
Ive just talked to the CCTV engineer to transfer footage to usb. Unfortunately his made a mistake setting up hard drive and couldn't upload footage. His guaranteed that it's up and running now and will have full usage from yesterday onwards. I'm sorry for inconvenience.

Thank you
Emrah

On 11 Oct 2024, at 17:19, Emrah Oruc <eoruc234@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Gillian,

I have fixed the issue with the CCTV. There was a problem with the hard drive, the engineer has replaced it with a new hard drive with records up to 31 days. There will be no such issues in the future.

Thank you

Emrah Oruc

On 11 Oct 2024, at 13:11, AKROYD, Gillian 7779
<Gillian.Akroyd@herts.police.uk> wrote:

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good afternoon Mr. Oruc,

I am attaching a a copy of a letter of warning, sent to Mr Polat recently, in relation to the Oval Wines CCTV being unavailable to Police Officers when requested.

I have had no response from Mr. Polat, and as you are Premises Licence Holder, am forwarding a copy of that letter to you for your records and advice.

Kind regards,

Gillian Akroyd 7779
Community Safety Unit
Senior Licensing Officer
Stevenage

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Office: 01438 757370

Mobile: 07734496130

Gillian.akroyd@herts.police.uk

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HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

20th September , 2024

Mr. H. Polat
59A Cazenove Road
London
N16 6PA

Dear Mr Polat,

Attendance Oval Wines - Pc Hill and Ps Fathers

On Thursday 12th of September 2024, Police Constable 1628 HILL visited Oval Wines, and requested a download of the CCTV following an incident that had taken place on the 30th of August outside the store. He was informed by staff on duty that this was not available due to the only person able to access the CCTV was the **store owner** who was not yet at work.

Police Sergeant Fathers, of the Stevenage Neighbourhood Policing Team visited Oval Wines, later that day to further request the download of CCTV footage from the date already identified above.

Ps Fathers has reported to myself, (as Senior Police Licensing Officer), that Mr Emrah Oruc the premises Licence Holder was present when he attended, and stated that he was unable to produce the download, due to it 'being blank' on that date.

Ps Fathers explained this was a breach of the Premises Licence.

As Designated Premises Supervisor I write to inform you that this was a breach of the Premises Licence.

Below is an extract from the premises licence conditions which are being breached:

'The premises will have CCTV in place. The digital CCTV system shall record images which will be retained in unedited form for up to 30 days and which shall be made available for any Responsible Authority on request'.

Please consider this letter as a 'written warning'.

This advice has been recorded and should any further offences of this nature be committed in the future, then Hertfordshire Constabulary will seriously consider their options in respect of a review of the premises licence.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Stevenage Borough Council

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Akroyd
Stevenage Police Senior Licensing Officer
Gillian.Akroyd@herts.police.uk
Tel: 01438 757370

Cc:
Licensing and Enforcement Officer
Licensing Office,
Stevenage Borough Council

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Report of an Intervention carried out under the LICENSING ACT 2003

Trading name and address of Business	THE OVAL WINES 9 THE OVAL, STEVENAGE, SG1 5RA
Telephone number	Eoruc234@gmail.com - Emrah Oruc
Email address	anilpamula999@gmail.com
Proprietor of business	EMRAH ORUC, DRS- POLAT HASSAN
People seen or interviewed	Name: BALAJEEVAN GAYAM & PANULA ANIN Position: Shop ASSISTANTS Signature: P. Anil Jeevan Reddy
Date and time of intervention	3/10/2024
Areas inspected (specify)	Shop floor, near storage area
Documents / Records examined	PREMISES LICENCE & PLAN
Action to be taken by SBC:	This report only / Revisit / Letter to follow / Formal action

Priority actions discussed during inspection (L) Legal (R) Recommendation (C) Contravention of conditions

LICENSING INSPECTION CARRIED OUT -
 PREMISES LICENCE SUMMARY DISPLAYED - YES
 PREMISES LICENCE BODY & PLAN PRODUCED - NOT ON SITE,
 DPS AUTHORIZATION FORM IN PLACE - NOT ON SITE, PLH HAS THIS
 RECORDS OF STAFF TRAINING IN UNDERAGE SALES - ONLY PLH HAS THIS 21/9/24
 REFUSALS BOOK - ON SITE & INSPECTED, MULTIPLE ENTRIES ~~3~~ 2024 LAST NONE SINCE
 NOTICE REQUESTING CUSTOMERS TO LEAVE AREA QUIETLY (COND. 2
 Annex 2) - NOT DISPLAYED (C)
 CCTV IN OPERATION - SCREEN ON SHOP FLOOR.
 COVERS SHOP FLOOR - BACK STORAGE AREA & OUTSIDE FRONT OF STORE.
 CCTV CAN ONLY BE VIEWED LIVE, ONLY PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER CAN
 SHOW/DOWNLOAD FOOTAGE, WAS UNABLE TO VIEW FOOTAGE AT TIME OF
 INSPECTION, NEITHER DPS/EMRAH ORUC WAS PRESENT & WAS NOT IN A
 POSITION TO MEET US ON SITE.
 DPS - NOT AVAILABLE, EMPLOYEE LAST SAW DPS 1 month ago has NO CONTACT
 NUMBER - PLH EMRAH ORUC IS ALWAYS CONTACTED NOT DPS.
 PLAN - LAYOUT IS NOT THAT WHICH IS OUTLINED ON PLAN ACCOMPANYING
 PREMISES LICENCE - NO MINOR VARIATION APPLICATION RECEIVED (L)
 CHALLENGE 21/25 NOTICES DISPLAYED - NONE DISPLAYED (C)

This report only covers the areas inspected at the time of the inspection. It does not indicate compliance with any provisions of the legislation quoted above. It is not a Statutory Notice requiring works to be carried out. In case of dispute please contact the Commercial & Licensing Manager, Environmental Health & Licensing.

EXCEPT ONE AT SIDE OF COUNTER, NOT CLEARLY VISIBLE.

Officer details

Signed by	Date: 3/10/2024
Name: JULIE DWAN & MARY OSULLIVAN	Direct Line: 01438 242493
Designation: ACTING LICENSING MANAGER & LICENSING OFFICER	

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Report of an Intervention carried out under the Licensing Act 2003

Trading name and address of Business	Oval wines
Telephone number	07823 725217
Email address	
Proprietor of business	EMRAN ORUC / POLAT HASAN
People seen or interviewed 3 of weatherby close, SG15 2EX for both.	Name: <u>PAMULAANIN</u> / BAUT JEEVAN GAYAM Position: CUSTOMER SERVICE Signature: P. Anil / Jeevan Reddy
Date and time of intervention	4.10.24 11.55am
Areas inspected (specify)	Main shop area.
Documents / Records examined	premises licence
Action to be taken by SBC:	This report only / Revisit / Letter to follow / Formal action TBC

Priority actions discussed during inspection (L) Legal (R) Recommendation (C) Contravention of conditions

Spoke with customer service employees at the shop for around a year. Trained in challenge 2s and ask for passport or provisional licence. ~~took to~~ Refuse frequently around 1-2 times p. day & log it. CCTV only operated by owner Hassan / manger is Emran however main contact via Emran. No DPS authorisation forms. No one on premises can operate/retain record for CCTV system. Never had a fire alarm whilst at premises. No other staff members at the shop.

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Officer details

Signed by		Date:	4.10.24
Name:	MARY O'SULLIVAN / JULIE DWAN	Direct Line:	01438 242
Designation:	LICENSING OFFICER / LIC MANAGER		

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Statement of: PS 2332 Fathers

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): Over 18

Occupation: Police Sergeant

This statement (consisting of1..... Pages(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

I can confirm that the Victim Personal Statement (VPS) has been explained and offered to me tick box

I do /I do not* wish to make a VPS at this time

I understand that I can make a VPS at any time before a sentencing hearing tick box

**delete as applicable*

Signature: **Date:** 17/10/24

I am a Sergeant for the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Stevenage. As part of this role, I am responsible to prevent and detect crime, tackle antisocial behaviour, keeping people safe.

I am aware and tackling ongoing issues, drug dealing and associated antisocial behaviour including gang crime at the Oval shopping precinct in Stevenage. Over the last few months, the levels of ASB have significantly increased and are causing issues for local residents and businesses. Groups as many as 30 strong have been gathering in close proximity to the shops, in particular Oval Wines. This was taking place every day from around midday into the late hours. Local residents and Business owners report that ASB is directly associated with Oval Wines. It is reported that they allow the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to children. Customers purchasing alcohol from their store sit and drink in the precinct and are the same responsible for associated ASB, such as foul language, smoking of drugs and stealing from other stores. Witnesses are reluctant to come forward for fear of repercussions. From intelligence gathered and local CCTV, it is clear that these individuals are involved in drug dealing and have access to weapons. On several occasions police have given chase to suspects who run into Oval Wines and their escape is aided, using the fire exit at the rear of the store and left open. They can be seen making exchanges outside the store, believed to be drug dealing. In a recent event, a rival gang appeared to attend and can be seen wearing balaclavas, in possession of large machetes and chase this group in an attempt to cause serious harm. Some of the group, the intended victims, have been identified and are known local gang members, seek refuge in Oval Wines and can be seen on local authority CCTV. Upon attendance and request for CCTV we were not able to identify any witnesses. The CCTV was not made available by the shop and provided an explanation that the CCTV was not working. I believe this is an attempt to obstruct a police investigation and could have shown incriminating evidence. Despite a request to the owner, this CCTV was never provided.

A multi-agency licencing visit was completed recently completed. Upon a search by trading standards officers, illegal cigarettes and tobacco products were located hidden. Secreted inside beer crates to avoid detection. A large quantity of boxes of plastic Zip bags found behind the counter. These are commonly used to deal drugs and had an image of Bob Marley on the front. Weighing scales, Cannabis grinders were located, the countertop and toilet facilities provided an obvious positive result for class A drugs when swabbed. Though no drugs were found, my belief is that this premises is being used and allowing the facilitation of the sale of drugs, significantly contributing to ASB, crime and disorder in this area.



Witness Statement

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Steven HILL

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 22/10/2024

This statement is in relation to ongoing issues within THE OVAL STEVENAGE, specifically at OVAL WINES.

I am the above named person and have worked within STEVANGE SNT since MARCH 2023. I have previously been based on STEVENAGE INTERVENTION between 2020 and 2021.

Over the last 4 months issues have arisen surrounding ASB and CRIME and THE OVAL. On each of the below occasions the persons and nominals involved have frequented OVAL WINES. As the local officer I am aware of the ongoing issues on a regular basis and manage them from day to day.

On the 8th JUNE 2024, I was passed information that detailed a large group of youths, around 15 in total, loitering and frequenting OVAL WINES. Intervention units attended and the youths ran away, with PCSO coverage following that deterred the group from returning. The large groups from local discussions have been detailed as intimidating for local residents and also deterring footfall for local businesses.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Signature Witnessed by: _____

Witness Statement

Continuation of Statement of PC 1628 HILL

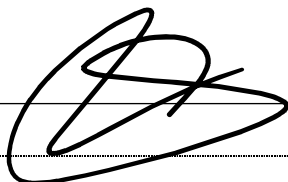
On the 18th JUNE 2024, I attended THE OVAL with my area SGT. Upon attendance a group were again present going in and out of OVAL WINES however on this occasion I was witness to an exchange of packages with a male on a bike after one of the group emerged from OVAL WINES. We suspected this to be a live time drug deal which led to a foot chase however suspects got away. Upon returning to THE OVAL shopping precinct, the rest of the group had disbanded. This CCTV is now past the time frame to seize and has expired.

On the 1st of AUGUST 2024, as the local officer I arrived on duty to a log over night of a large group of youths again present in THE OVAL outside OVAL WINES. Reported was loud noise, music and general ASB with the group again loitering outside of OVAL WINES. Again demonstrating the impact of peoples lives at the location.

On the 30th AUGUST 2024, an affray took place involving 2 nominals with machete attacks and 1 very well known drugs nominal throwing some metallic shiny item at them. This nominal then fled and ran into OVAL WINES where staff harboured him in store. When enquiries were commenced, this date of footage was wiped from CCTV and unavailable to Police as per their licencing requirements. This in turn has raised further concerns and suspicion of activity within the store. There was some initial CCTV that I viewed and Identified a large number of the group involved leading to Community Protection Warnings/Notices being issued to involved parties off the back of this work.

SEPTEMBER 6th 2024, a report was made of a further incident involving males with balaclavas and mention of a knife again. The informant mentioned the group around the area of the shops involved a few Asian males along with a wider group in tracksuits. There was then a second call from a local business reporting the same stating a very large group seemingly getting ready to fight each other. I have then attended and located a large gathering on the stairs with some of our very well known nominals. In this interaction and their disregard for us they made their way back to the central area of THE OVAL and frequented OVAL WINES before eventually moving on once we made it clear we would not be leaving the location. Section 50 ASB powers were utilised to acquire all individuals details on this occasion which added to the enforcement of conditions and various meetings and referrals, but again the first location they decided to head to when confronted was OVAL WINES.

Signature:



Signature Witnessed by:

Witness Statement

Continuation of Statement of PC 1628 HILL

On the 8th OCTOBER 2024 I have again attended THE OVAL on routine patrol. I have parked overlooking THE OVAL and noted a nominal of interest. They have kept looking back at us and hurriedly entered the centre of the shopping area. I have moved around for a better view and seen this nominal enter OVAL WINES and leave very quickly, a matter of 4 to 5 seconds at most. This nominal has gone to the till and exited almost immediately. In light of my knowledge of the items seized from the store during a recent visit with trading standards, I decided I would stop this individual for a search. This unfortunately led to separate offences however despite going in there, he had no items from the shop except £25 exactly in cash from his visit. This raised suspicion that there was a potential exchange taking place at this location further to the above. I then relayed this information to my Sgt and Senior Licencing Officer.

This is an ongoing area that is requiring my persistent attendance and attention. It is clear from other ongongs that there are issues with this store, that is affecting the wider community as per the repeated logs, calls and engagement with members of the public in the location. This is also witnessed by myself on various occasions as well as other officers. From my experience this has been a problem in this location previously in my days served as a PCSO and we are now seeing this flare up again with what goes on are occurring in this store.

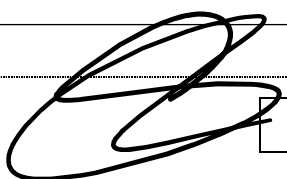
The impact isn't just on the community but also on Policing resources, as this is generating continual logs attributed to drugs, gangs and ASB. We have had various specialist groups in assisting patrolling the area and tackling the issue which of course is a huge outlay on resources and expenses.

In engaging with local businesses at THE OVAL, it has been disclosed to me by those wishing to remain anonymous that OVAL WINES does attract a problem demographic. One business in particular highlighted they are particularly afraid of repercussions should they formally report any matters concerning the store as they are aware of certain people in the area that would raise the risk towards them causing further disruption and issues, in particular dissatisfaction and concerns about the owners behaviour have been raised where others feel intimidated and scared of him.

It is therefore my professional opinion that the current owners/structure are unfit to run such a store in this location due to the above.

Signature: _____

Signature Witnessed by: _____



Witness Statement

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Courtney KOOISTRAAge if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): OV.18Occupation: Police officer

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*delete as applicable

Signature: CKOOISTRADate: 23/10/2024

This statement is being provided due to a request from our Licencing officer Gill 7779 AKYROD around OVAL WINES and its associations with youths who cause ASB within the local area. I have been asked to write this statement due to my interactions with said youths as being part of operation scorpion which is the local proactive drugs unit.

OVAL WINES is a small convenience store that is situated within the ST NICHOLAS area of STEVENAGE. The front entrance is within the parade of shops at the OVAL and the back of the shops enters onto a car park located on JESSOP ROAD, STEVENAGE.

On MONDAY 17th of JUNE 2024, my colleagues and I attended the oval due to numerous reports to our police control centre in relation to drug users loitering around OVAL WINES and causing nuisance to other business premises within the parade of shops. As we have arrived at the shops, there were 5-6 local boys that were and are linked to drug supply within the OVAL area hanging around outside OVAL WINES – the boys are often referred to as 'THE OVAL GANG'.

As we have approached said boys, they have all made off at speed. One of the boys who is known for supplying drugs and carrying weapons has entered OVAL WINES and has run through the store, out of the back and he has exited out of their fire exit. The employees that were in the store did not stop the male running through the store and the fire exit was wide open making it an easy escape, even though the employees would have known officers were trying to stop said males. At the time I did not challenge the manager due to focusing on finding the group of males but advised our licencing officer via email of the incident.

A few moments later, after that male has run through the store, I went back to check if anyone had re-entered the store from that group in an attempt to hide from us and another one of the group was in there engaging with the staff as if they knew them well.

This was the end of my interaction on this day but, since this incident, I have noticed the said group constantly congregating around the store, standing out the front of it and also at the rear of the store, near their fire exit as it is protected from normal view. The boys smoke cannabis in front of the store and often come across as quite intimidating to customers of other businesses and cause disruption to other business owners – which the employees of OVAL WINES do not seem to challenge.

Signature: CKOOISTRA

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Witness Statement

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Witness Statement

(Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1(1); CJ Act 1967, s.9 & MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) & 5B)

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Statement of Karen MELLOR

Age if under 18 over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18") **Occupation** Police Officer

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Signature 

PS 1498

Date **28.10.2024**

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details)

I am the Community Safety Unit Sergeant for Stevenage. My current portfolio includes anti-social behaviour, hate crime and licensing. I have been in this specific role for 15 months and have been a police officer for 21 years working as a response officer on the frontline, in the Force Communications Room and within neighbourhood policing in the county of Hertfordshire.

My attention was first drawn the locality of The Oval in June of this year when the local officer from the Neighbourhood Policing Team came to speak to me to highlight that a number of individuals were causing issues in the vicinity of the Oval. In the main, it was anti-social behaviour and drug use. The group of youths identified were causing a nuisance by being both disruptive and smoking cannabis.

As a result we made enquiries with a letter drop to residents and a local Street Meet was planned to speak to the community and local businesses who were being impacted by the anti-social behaviour. In addition we contacted our partners at Stevenage Borough Council.

Signature 

PS 1498

Signature witnessed by

Continuation of Statement/Interview of Karen MELLOR

Around the same time I was contacted by an officer from the local disruption team who work closely with the Community Safety Unit and the neighbourhood policing team, and who's focus is primarily drugs and inquisitive crime. They had been in the area of the Oval on 17th June 2024 following up on reports of drug use and had identified a number of individuals known to police for anti-social behaviour and drug criminality.

Of these individuals, one was a habitual knife carrier and another already had a Criminal Behaviour Order due to his offending in another locality of Stevenage.

Of concern was that one of the individuals, who is believed to be dealing or running drugs locally, ran into Oval Wines. He was allowed to exit through the rear fire escape. The officers felt that the fact that the youths were loitering specifically outside Oval Wines and being able to run through the shop and out the back to evade police was a concern.

This was flagged to our Senior Licensing Officer.

At the Street Meet conducted on the 20th June 2024, the ASB officer spoke to a number of the local businesses informally about the local area and any issues that police should be aware of. A number of them reported anti-social behaviour in the locality including the smell of cannabis, shoplifting, and youths been unruly and rude. A couple of premises, including Oval Wines, stated that there were no issues locally.

Police increased patrols in the area. There were then further incidents at the end of August and beginning of September about persons with knives and machetes outside the Oval shops.

It was when investigating these incidents that the integrity of Oval Wines was brought into question as those causing the trouble were seen going in and out of the premises. Local officers requested the CCTV from Oval Wines to assist with their enquires but were told that the CCTV was not available.

An anti-social behaviour case had by then been opened to fully document incidents and ongoing preventative work around the Oval, including the additional patrols, the increase

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Continuation of Statement/Interview of Karen MELLOR

locally in shoplifting and the ongoing harassing and alarming behaviours of a number of individuals.

Evidence was collated and the Community Safety Unit have now issued a number of preventative orders to stop the anti-social behaviour in the locality.

In total, there have been 2 Community Protection Notices issued; 4 Community Protection Warnings issued and 4 Prevention First Warning Letters issued to the parents of the youths involved. Conditions include exclusion zones.

In addition, the mother of one individual who given a tenancy warning by Stevenage Borough Council.

In early October, Oval Wines was subject to a licensing visit supported by a number of partners due to it being suspected of breaching one or more of the licensing objectives.,

I would support a review of the licence for Oval Wines to ensure that they are meeting the 4 licensing conditions namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. These 4 conditions are fundamental to keeping the local community safe from the behaviours we have seen at The Oval from individuals suspected of having illicit links to Oval Wines.

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Summary of Incidents – Oval Wines, The Oval, Stevenage, SG1 5RA

CALL LOGS

HC-xxxxxxxxxxx	24/5/2024 17:57:22	DRUGS
<p>Anonymous Inft has called in stating that 10 black males all wearing balaclavas or black surgical masks were hanging around the oval wines shops smoking weed. The inft states they have seen this same group before.</p> <p>xxxxxx: group of approximately 20 young male adults with a videographer who is shooting footage for a film. Some are wearing balaclavas as part of the aesthetic for the film. Shop keepers have stated they have are polite and not causing any issues. Individuals have been spoken to and are leaving within the hour. No offences and no further concerns. Log can go.</p>		

CRIME

REFERENCE NO.	DATE/TIME	INCIDENT TYPE
SUMMARY		

INTEL

41/xxxxxxx	19/06/2024	Oval issues
<p>Officers attended the Oval, Stevenage on 17/06/2024 due to reports of drug use outside DAISY's CAFE. As officers were approaching on the VARDON ROAD side of the oval where the flats are there were two white males on look out.</p> <p>When officers arrived xxxxxxx xxxxxx, xxxx xxxxxx, xxx xxxxxx have immediately made off from officers.</p> <p>xxxxx and xxxxx have ridden off on bikes towards Vardon Road and Grace Way.</p> <p>xxxxxxxxx has run through OVAL WINES and out of the back of the shop without being obstructed from shop keeper.</p> <p>Xxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx has then come around the corner to keep observations on what is happening</p>		
41/xxxxxx	14/06/2024	OVAL WINES alcohol on tick STEVENAGE.
<p>OVAL WINES in the OVAL STEVENAGE will allow regular customers to have alcohol on tick if they are skint. They will only give it on tick to customers who they know will pay it back.</p>		

41/xxxxxxxxxx	09/11/2023	OVAL WINES - Selling of Alcohol to those under age
OVAL WINES, 9 THE OVAL, STEVENAGE, SG15RA is routinely selling/supplying alcohol to those underage		

41/xxxxxx	18/09/2023	THE OVAL WINE - DRUGS SUPPLY
<p>THE OVAL WINE is believed to be selling Class A & B drugs from the property from the rear of the store.</p> <p>Children as young as 11 have been seen at the back of the store purchasing drugs.</p> <p>The store employ children on bikes to deal the drugs and are often seen outside the store.</p> <p>All the shops in the precinct seem to know this take place and on occasions drugs have been dealt openly at the front of counter as well.</p>		

Witness Statement

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

URN: [] [] [] []

Statement of: PS 2332 FATHERS

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): Over 18

Occupation: Police officer

This statement (consisting of1..... Pages(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

I can confirm that the Victim Personal Statement (VPS) has been explained and offered to me [] tick box

I do /I do not* wish to make a VPS at this time

I understand that I can make a VPS at any time before a sentencing hearing [] tick box

*delete as applicable

Signature: [Signature] Date: 13/09/2024

On Thursday 12th of September 2024, whilst on duty in full police uniform, I attended Oval Wines within the busy shopping precinct of the Oval in Stevenage. This was in relation to a CCTV request that had been made by PC 1628 HILL. Earlier that day PC Hill had requested CCTV following an incident that had taken place on the 30th of August outside the store. Having reviewed local authority CCTV this showed large scale disorder involving weapons, large machetes and knives. The CCTV showed that some of the potential suspects and victims had entered Oval wines. Therefore, CCTV from within and outside the store is vital to prevent and detect crime, also to protect the public. This CCTV would help to identify potential suspects liable for arrest and remove the weapons. PC Hill had requested the CCTV and despite staff being available they had stated the only person able to access the CCTV was the store owner who was not yet at work. When I attended at approximately 1400 hrs I spoke with the owner and Licensee I know to be Emra. I requested the CCTV from the evening of the 30th he advised "I have just checked the CCTV and I don't know why but it is blank, I have called my CCTV guy but it had not recorded anything beyond this morning". I asked when the CCTV would be working and he stated "it is on now and appears to be recording I will have to check with the CCTV, I don't know". I advised him this was a breach of his alcohol licence and he acknowledged this. I explained he must have working CCTV and should be made available on the request from Police. Vital CCTV was now unable to be obtained, I suspect that this is an attempt to obstruct police and may show incriminating footage that they do not wish police to see.

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Attachments for the Police Review Application - Oval Wines

Notes from Initial meeting with Mr ORUC, Transfer of Licence of Oval Wines 18/04/23



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from initial Meeting w

Stevenage Borough Council Intervention Notice dated 18/5/23, served on Oval Wines



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Police Check list for visit to oval wines on 18/06/24



Checklist for
Licensing visit - Oval W

Email and Witness statement from Ps Fathers to SLO Akroyd, in relation to his request for CCTV download on 12/09/24.



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E mails between Mr Oruc and SLO Akroyd, updating on lack of CCTV footage up to 15th October,2024



Re_ LETTER OF
WARNING - OVAL WI

Police SLO Akroyd Check list for Oval Wines 3rd October 2024



Checklist for
Licensing visit - Oval \

Photograph of bags found in Oval wines and example Drug wipe used on surfaces within Oval Wines



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Trading Standard visits to Oval Wines – statement from Senior Trading Standards Officer Elaine Knowles, including Joint visit on 3rd October 2024



Witness Statement
(Elaine KNOWLES) Lic

Letter of Warning from Police to DPS of Oval Wines, following joint visit on 3rd October 2024



Letter Oval wines
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LETTER OF
WARNING - OVAL WI

Stevenage Borough Council Licensing Officers' Intervention forms from Joint visit to Oval Wines on 3rd October 2024



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Statement from:

- **Police Sergeant Fathers, Stevenage NPT**
- **Pc Hill, Stevenage NP,**
- **Police Sergeant Mellor, Stevenage Community Safety Unit**
- **Pc Kooistra, SCORPION Unit**



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