

Memorandum



TRADING STANDARDS

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To Swale Borough Council Licensing Section

The Trading Standards Department of Kent County Council as a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003, and hereby make representation in relation to licensing objectives, in connection with the application in relation for review of the premises of Ivy Leaf Bar, Hotel Passage, High Street, Sheerness.

I can confirm that Trading Standards holds no other relevant material to be added to this review, however having reviewed the material contained within the Kent Police application for review, this department concludes with the view that the current premises licence is untenable in its current form.

Having reviewed the information I would concur that should the licence not be revoked then a suspension of the licence would be proportionate to achieve the desired reset of operating practices if applied with the requested conditions.

It appears from the series of events that despite some of the proposed measures being followed, questions remain over their implementation and management. With a lack of training records available for inspection it is not possible to positively confirm whose fault the individual sale was, and responsibility for this must lie with the licence holder / designated premises supervisor.

In light of previous advice in November 2016, provided to the licence holder by Kent Police, it appears this is not an isolated incident, therefore I would agree with the recommendations of Kent Police in order to fulfil the objective to protect children from harm.

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