

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 PC 3883 NEIL SHARPE

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> COSTCUTTERS WOODROW CENTRE	
<b>Post town</b> REDDITCH	<b>Post code (if known)</b> B98 7RY

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> MOHAMMED SAJID & JAVID IQBAL
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> PREM 0043
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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- 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)

**Please tick**

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

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

**Please tick yes**

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

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address (optional)**

**(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 PC NEIL SHARPE 3883 WEST MERCIA POLICE REDDITCH POLICE STATION GROVE STREET REDDITCH B98 8DD
Telephone number (if any) 0300 333 3000 ex 3857
E-mail address (optional) neil.sharpe@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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

Please tick one or more boxes

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)**

This application for a licence review for the premises 'Costcutters', Woodrow Centre, Redditch is being sought by West Mercia Police.

The store has failed to promote two of the four licence objectives from the Licensing Act 2003, the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The store has sold alcohol to minors on three separate occasions in the last eight months.

On two occasions, the store sold alcohol to minors as part of a Trading Standards test purchase operation. The other sale was witnessed by Police.

Police also state that they have no confidence in the premise licence holders, one of whom is the designated premise supervisor (DPS).

The premises failure to promote the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder came to light during a H M Revenue & Customs operation at Costcutters in 2009.

Incidents in chronological order:

Police Licensing Officer PC Neil Sharpe visited Costcutters on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 following information that under age sales were taking place. The DPS was not present, but staff were informed of the need to check persons age by way of ID and adopt the 'challenge 21' policy.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, Police attended the store with officers from H M Revenue &

Customs as part of an operation into duty offences concerning alcohol and tobacco. The following was seized: 60 cases of beer, 17 cases of wine, 2 1/2 cases of brandy, 1 1/2 cases of whiskey. These were all seized due to revenue duty offences.

A test purchase operation run by Worcestershire Trading Standards took place on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009. A female under the age of eighteen years bought alcohol at the store. This was sold to her by the DPS. Trading Standards decided to prosecute the premise for this offence.

On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009 PC 57 Nigel Bennett, who is the Local Police Officer for the Woodrow area, was on patrol in the shopping centre. He witnessed a youth leaving the store carrying beer. PC Bennett challenged this youth, who was fifteen years old, and then took the youth back inside the store and identified the staff member who had made the sale. The member of staff admitted the sale and offence.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 the two premises licence holders attended a meeting at Redditch Police Station with the District Inspector for Redditch, Inspector 273 Ian Joseph and PC Neil Sharpe.

They were warned about the the two underage sales and that further offences could lead to review. They were also written to on this date. Again, the letter made it clear that further offences could lead to a licence review.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009, H M Revenue & Customs visited the premise. There were no offences.

On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010, a court case took place in regards to the underage sale made by the DPS on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The premise received a fine of £350 plus costs.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Worcestershire Trading Standards again had a test purchase operation at the premise. Again, the DPS made the sale to a minor.

Police therefore have no other option but to seek Licence review in the Case of Costcutters, Woodrow Centre, Redditch.

There is no confidence in the way this premise is run, failure of the DPS, the joint premises licence holder, in making two underage sales himself and the blatant disregard for promoting the licensing objectives.

Police will ask the Licensing Committee to revoke the premise licence for this store, therefore stopping it from selling alcohol.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application**  
(please read guidance note 2)

I attach the following information to support this review.

Statement from PC Nigel Bennett

Letter sent to the DPS from Police, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009

Evidence from Worcestershire Trading Standards



Please tick yes

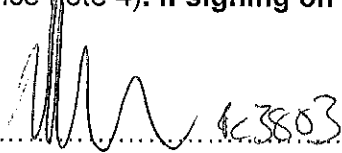
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**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**  
(See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

 123803

Date

6<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Capacity

Police Licensing Officer.

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

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

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.