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As a responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 we have considered the review application submitted by Trading Standards and support the request for the review of the Premises Licence.

Trading Standards have outlined the intelligence they have received regarding this premises selling vapes to persons under the age of 18 and that the premises failed a Trading Standards test purchase on the 12th February 2024 when a member of staff sold a nicotine containing vape to a 17 year old child assisting with the operation.

On the 16th April 2025 a multi agency visit was conducted to the premises.

At that time the following was noted:

Section 57 was not displayed.

The refusal book condition was being breached as it was not a bound book with pre-printed page numbers.

No training records for the member of staff working.

CCTV member of staff was unable to produce the daily log, staff member unable to operate CCTV and the time on the CCTV was incorrect by one hour.

Unable to produce the incident book.

Licence summary was not correct as details on it had been tippexed out.

The layout of the premises was different to that of the plan on the Premises Licence.

The Licensing Authority wrote to the DPS on the 16th May 2025 detailing the above and informing them that they needed to submit a minor variation in relation to their plan, but non minor variation appears to have been submitted.

On the 27th August 2025 a test purchase was conducted at the premises to determine whether they were selling alcohol to underage persons. The premises passed the test purchase as the member of staff did not serve the underage person assisting in the operation.

Also on the 27th August 2025 a joint visit from Trading Standards and Surrey Police was conducted in which Trading Standards seized illicit vapes and tobacco, oral tobacco which is banned was seized and some tablets which is medication only permitted to be sold by a chemist.

During our visits to the premises the DPS has never been present at the premises and we had concerns that he had very little to do with the premises, he never contacted us in relation to our visits.

The application to review the Premises Licence was submitted by Trading Standards on the 6th January 2026 and on the 21st January 2026 an application to vary the DPS to the current Premise Licence holder Pawandeep Bajaj was submitted.

The Secretary of States S182 Guidance paragraph 11.27 states that there is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously and included in the list is the use of the premises for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco.

Surrey Police support the review application submitted by Trading Standards and that consideration is given to the revocation of the Premises Licence as the Premises Licence Holder has failed in their responsibility to uphold the licensing

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objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and the protection of children from harm.