

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL WITHIN 28 DAYS, STARTING THE DAY AFTER THE PREMISES IN QUESTION MAKES AN APPLICATION (TO FIND OUT THE CLOSING DATE CALL THE LICENSING UNIT ON 0161 234 4512)

ABOUT YOU		PLEASE NOTE: LICENSING OFFICERS, LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANT CAN VIEW THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM
Your first name (required)	Your last name (required)	
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Your signature (I hereby declare the information I have provided on and with this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief)		
H.Raw		

ABOUT THE PREMISES
Application Ref No. (if known):
LPA 220607
Name of the Premises about which you would like to make a representation:
European Mini Market
Address of the Premises (including postcode if known):
762 Stockport Road Manchester M12 4GD

YOUR REPRESENTATION
Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should be the likely effect of the grant of the licence / certificate on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question. (Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)
<p>The prevention of crime and disorder- European Mini Market have breached this licensing objective for the following reasons:</p> <p>Following a complaint received by Trading Standards alleging the sale of illicit tobacco, a visit was carried out to European Mini Market on 4th December 2019. On entering the shop, I met with a male who said he was looking after the shop whilst his friend was out. He gave his name as [REDACTED] but became obstructive and refused to give his address or any further details. The tobacco detection dog, accompanying</p>

our visit, identified tobacco concealed, out of sight, underneath the counter. The tobacco was in non-standardised packaging, therefore does not comply with The Tobacco & Related Products Regulations 2015 and the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2016.

A total of 199 cigarettes were seized. A short while later, Mr Ali Azadin attended the shop and told me he was the owner. I explained why I had seized the tobacco and left all relevant documentation. He gave his home address details is [REDACTED]. I informed I would write to him at a later date.

During my visit Mr Azadin made it clear that he was the person responsible for the premises and within days of my visit an application to transfer the licence in to his name was received by Premises Licensing.

Samples of the tobacco were sent to the relevant trade mark representatives and the Richmond tobacco was confirmed as being counterfeit. The other brand did not carry any health warnings.

On 30th December a letter inviting the owner to attend an interview was sent to the shop premises.

On 14th January, a further interview letter was sent, recorded delivery, to the owner at the shop premises, which was signed for by [REDACTED].

On 21st January, a letter inviting the owner to attend an interview was sent to the home address, recorded delivery which was signed for by [REDACTED].

On 29th January 2020, an interview letter was hand delivered by an Officer to a male working in the shop called [REDACTED], who informed me he would pass it to the owner.

At the time of the seizure, the Premises Licence holder and the Designated Premise Supervisor was Mr Ali Azadin.

At the date of writing the representation, despite my best endeavours, Mr Azadin has made no attempt to return contact illustrating his lack of responsibility towards his obligations to promote and uphold the Licensing Objectives.

A second visit to the premises was made on 28th April by Louise Carter from Manchester Trading Standards and colleagues from Greater Manchester Police and Licensing Out of Hours. During this visit the license was in a consultation period to be transferred to new owners. However, during the visit yet more illicit tobacco was found, hidden around the shop which was subsequently seized. A total of 5,944 cigarettes/tobacco suspected as being counterfeit and not compliant with The Tobacco & Related Products Regulations 2015 and the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2016. Investigations are ongoing in relation to this seizure.

This continuing illegal activity shows complete disdain for the Licensing Objectives but most importantly the public safety of the residents of Manchester that frequent the premises.

We would like to make our position clear in support of the application lodged by Licensing Out of Hours that the premises has its licence revoked.

Supporting Evidence: In addition to your own written / oral testimony to the Licensing Sub-Committee, you may wish to provide evidence to support your representation. You will need to show how this evidence relates to the premises in question. Examples of supporting evidence include oral testimony, written testimony, noise records, video or photographic material, crime and disorder data, other statistical data, reports etc.)