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ABOUT THE PREMISES

Application Ref No. (if known):

LPA 274177

Name of the Premises about which you would like to make a representation:

Abssco Ltd

Address of the Premises (including postcode if known):

Apartment 305, Regent Court, 131 Wenlock Way, Manchester, M12 5BS

YOUR REPRESENTATION

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should 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)

The Trading Standards Team have assessed the likely impact of the granting of this application taking into account a number of factors, including the conditions offered and times applied for and any potential risk that the granting of this application could lead to issues which do not uphold the licensing objectives specifically the prevention of children from harm.

The application is for an alcohol delivery service. The premises where the alcohol is stored is a residential flat. We take note in the application that there will be no consumption on the premises and sales will consist of online sales, phone and text message sales.

When considering the application, the Trading Standards Team have given consideration to Manchester City Councils Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2021 specially Section 8 (MS12) Prevent underage sales of alcohol, including proxy sales and 9 Alcohol Delivery Services which states:

- 8.0 (MS12) Effective and appropriate measures must be taken to ensure age restrictions are enforced at the premises. Examples given of this are details of what forms of ID are acceptable, the maintenance of refusal logs and staff training. MS12 continues stating that the licensing authorities preferred approach is a Challenge 25. This approach allows for a much stronger age verification policy as it is much easier for staff to distinguish is someone is 25 or older rather than 21. Documented staff training is also expected.
- 9.1 The authority considers there are particular risks associated with delivery services for Alcohol. The authority expects measures consistent with relevant standards expected for licensed premises outlined in section 8 of this policy in conjunction with the specific provisions of this section:
- 9.2 The authority expects operators to implement age-verification procedures at both the point of sale and delivery stages, with a Challenge 25 policy implemented at the point of delivery.
- 9.3 Particular attention should be paid to making it clear to customers that receipt of orders that contain alcohol must be by an adult. Retailers should ensure that delivery staff have been given appropriate training in procedures relating to requesting and identifying proof of age, and implement these procedures as standard.

- 9.4 Any promotional material including the name of the business and website should be consistent with the responsible sale of alcohol. Additionally, any website URL or telephone number to be used for orders is expected to be given to the licensing authority.
- 9.7 Where the authority's discretion is engaged following relevant representations, conditions restricting the operation of alcohol delivery services may be imposed by the authority where appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The applicant has offered conditions in relation to the prevention of children from harm licensing objective. However, the conditions offered fall short of what is expected when considering the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy. The policy states that age verification should be undertaken not only at the point of delivery but also at the point of sale. In the application the applicant has stated that age verification checks will be carried out during delivery. Therefore, it would appear that age verification checks would not be carried out at the point of sale, it is also difficult to see how the applicant would be able to do this through orders which are taken by telephone or text message. The applicant has also failed to propose any conditions relating to staff training specifically what training would be given, how it would be recorded and how often it would be refreshed. Furthermore, there have been no proposed conditions for refusal recording or what acceptable forms of ID will be accepted.

Giving consideration to the above policy and the application the Trading Standards Service are of the opinion that the applicant has given very little consideration when making this application. The conditions offered lack key detail and give concerns that the applicant does not fully understand their role as a licence holder and how they will uphold the four licensing objectives. Therefore, we recommend the application is refused.

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.)

REP Abssco Ltd MAU 274177

Nathan Mistry Wed 16/11/2022 14:36
To: Premises Licensing < Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk >
Cc:
Good Afternoon,
Please find pasted my representation from the LOOH team re Abssco Ltd - MAU 274177.
I am looking to refuse the application.

The Licensing and Out of Hours Team (LOOHT) have assessed the likely impact of the granting of this application taking into account a number of factors, including style of operation, the nature of the area, hours applied for and any potential risks that the granting of this application could lead to.

LOOHT have given particular consideration to Manchester City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, specifically s.7.25 in that the licensing authority will ensure that due consideration will be given to the proximity of licensed premises not only to local residents and businesses, but also in relation to other licensed premises; as well as s.7.28 in that the licensing authority will give consideration to the appropriateness of hours applied for, having regard for the location of premises and their likely effect of the promotion of the four Licensing Objectives.

The premises is a residential block of flats situated in Flat 305, Regent Court", 131 Wenlock Way, Manchester, M12 5BS. The applicant has stated the location of the premises will be in "room 2", which after having a look at the plans seems to be the spare bedroom of the property.

The applicant has applied for the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises only:

Mon to Sun 10pm to 5am - Premises is not open to the public

LOOHT have significant concerns regarding the location of the unit the premises will be operating from. The proposed premises is a bedroom within a dwelling in a highly populated residential block of flats.

LOOHT feel the location of the premises would not be suitable for the delivery of alcohol, as significant noise issues could arise when transporting bottles/crates/vessels of alcohol to and from vehicles in the early hours of the morning up to 5am. There would also be significant noise issues from doors opening and closing when transporting the alcohol out of the flat, as well as staff entering and exiting throughout the night/early mornings.

LOOHT also have concerns regarding vehicles picking up and dropping alcohol off, which could generate noise nuisance issues to local residents, especially when operating in the early hours of the morning.

If the application is granted, LOOHT are of the opinion that the increased traffic to the premises by delivery drivers in the very early hours of the morning, collecting and moving

alcohol for deliveries, would generate noise nuisance not normally experienced by nearby local residents and neighbours within the residential block of flats.

The licensing conditions the applicant has provided in relation to Noise Nuisance are very vague and there is no mention of how they would operate the business effectively and responsibly in regards to noise nuisance.

The application submitted does not demonstrate in any way how they will manage the associated higher risk in operating until 5am in a highly populated residential block of flats and has nothing in the way of enforceable conditions.

The application shows little understanding of the licensing objectives or the application process and this concerns us as to how the premises will be run. Therefore, we ask this application is refused.

Recommendation: Refuse Application

Kind regards,

Nathan.



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About the Premises	
Application Reference No.	LPA 274177
Name of the Premises	Abssco Ltd
Address of the premises	Flat 305, Regent Court, 131 Wenlock way,
including postcode	Manchester M12 5BS

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the licensing objectives on and in the vicinity of the premises in question.

Please accept this as formal notification of the Greater Manchester Police objection to the premises licence application in relation to the above premises on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The applicant is applying to obtain a premises licence to operate an alcohol delivery service from his home address, which is a flat within a block of flats, in a heavily residential area. The hours that they are seeking to deliver the alcohol is from 1000 hours until 0500 hours each day.

GMP are very concerned that if this application was granted there could be deliveries being taken out of the flat until 0500 hours each morning, which is extremely likely to cause a disturbance to the other residents who live in the block as well as those living in adjacent properties, as the sound of the vehicle being started up throughout the night will almost certainly be a nuisance.

This disturbance may well lead to confrontation between the neighbours and the applicant which could in turn result in calls to service for GMP and complaints to the council.

Therefore, due to the unsuitability of the premises for such an endeavour we would ask that this application is refused.

Resident 1
From:
Sent: 19 October 2022 22:19
To: Premises Licensing < Premises. Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>
Subject: Premises Licence (new) 274177/AM2: Abssco Ltd, Room 2 Flat 305, Regent Court, 131 Wenlock Way, Manchester, M125BS, (Ardwick ward)
Hi,
I don't think that a residential premises should be used for the storage of alcohol.
Won't this impact on local residents in terms of people coming to collect and deliver the said Alcohol all through the night till 5am? If the intention is to sell alcohol throughout the night through to the early hours of the morning I find it hard to believe only one person will be delivering.
Has this person got an alcohol licence yet?
In addition to all of this, has this person got buisness insurance that will cover a fire to the whole building?
Thank you,