

STATEMENT BY TAHIRA KHAN

I have written this statement to the best of my knowledge. I own the property 187-193 Kings road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 8HD also known as Premier Hurst Cross. This is a large convenience store which includes a post office and other additional facilities.

Mr Tasadaf Ahmed has run the business since October 2020. He has to the best of his ability run the business with all due diligence and I have great faith in the way he manages the premises. I am happy with the way he has finally brought stability to the business and I wish for this to continue. Mr Ahmed is new to the retail business and he has endeavored to run the place in the best way possible.

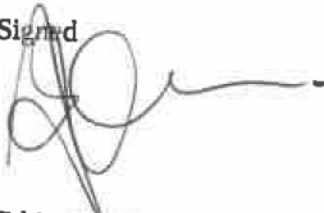
Mr Ahmed completed his course to obtain a personal licence this year and has become DPS. Then with the support of Mr Adil Khurshid who approached Mr Tony Dales (licensing consultant) to apply for a Premises license for Mr Ahmed. I myself was not part of this process. I was told the application had been successful and the premises licence was now in Mr Tasadaf Ahmed's name. I was later very shocked to hear there had been a problem with the application and a review was necessary as the signature obtained on the application had not been Mr Ayub's.

I wish to make it clear that at no point in time did we suspect the transfer application Mr Khurshid submitted to Mr Dales hadn't been signed by Mr Ayub. If Mr Ayub had refused to sign Mr Khurshid should have informed Mr Dales and another approach would have been taken in order to remove Mr Ayub's name from the premises license. I am aware the licensing committee has procedures in place for different circumstances. I only recently found out that Mr Ayub's name was on the premises licence and couldn't understand why this had been done. This application had been completed without my knowledge.

In order to manage the business more effectively I have also successfully completed and obtained my own personal license. I am aware of the license committee's objectives and appreciate the necessity of these in running a business which sells alcohol. The premises has a large number of outgoings including staff wages. I believe the business would be greatly affected if the sale of alcohol was removed. I hope this will be taken into consideration when the licensing committee makes a decision. I appreciate the difficulty the committee has been placed in and at the last meeting we made every effort to resolve the situation with Mr Ayub and Mr Mushtaq. When the application was submitted it was placed in good faith and Mr Ahmed shouldn't be penalised for Mr Khurshid's actions.

I would like the Premises licence to remain in Mr Tasadaf Ahmed's name, however if the committee decides this is not possible, then I would like the opportunity to apply for this in my name. I would only ask that the Premises license isn't suspended or revoked until I am able to complete this application. I hope an agreement can be reached to the satisfaction of all parties.

Signed



Tahira Khan

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