

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE - REPRESENTATION

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About the Premises

Application Reference No.	
Name of the Premises	Best One
Address of the premises including postcode	39 Canterbury Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL6 6HX

Your Representation

Please outline your representation below and continue overleaf. This should describe the likely effect of the grant of the variation 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 representation following the application the review the premises licence in relation to Best One, 39 Canterbury Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6HX.

The grounds for the objection are Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

I am Police Constable Craig Foley 13850 of the Greater Manchester Police, and I am the delegated Licensing Officer for Tameside.

I support this review application submitted by Tameside Trading standards in relation to the BEST ONE Canterbury Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL6 6HX.

I have been made aware of several incidents over the past 12 months that are directly related to this premises, which undermine the Licensing Objectives.

Intelligence Dated 26/1/22 states at the staff at the Best One Canterbury stores, Ashton under Lyne are selling fake cigarettes, tobacco, and drinks

The shop is on the corner of Union Road and Canterbury Street backing onto King George playing fields.

The staff members are described as Asian males. The staff change regularly.

On Wednesday the 21st of July 2021 Police Constable Martin Thorley attended the BEST ONE in company with Timothy Watson from Tameside Trading Standards in relation to information about illicit Tabaco sales. On this occasion a filing cabinet behind the counter was found to be locked.

Despite requests for this to be opened several members of staff who were present claimed not to have the key and could not locate the key or were willing to force open the cabinet.

The staff were obstructive and hostile towards the authorities.

The below incidents created on the Greater Manchester Police system are all related to incidents that occurred at the BEST ONE.

On the 13/11//2021 The Police attended a report of a person scratching a car and threatening behaviour. On Police attendance the victim who resides above the BEST ONE was in dispute over the blocking of a driveway and the offender has scratched the victim's car. The victim has witnessed this and confronted the offender who then threatened to bring his brother and attempts to headbutt the victim.

On the 29/01/2022 a crime of criminal damage has been recorded when following a dispute with the staff member in charge of the shop, bottles of wine have been smashed on the premises.

On the 29/01/2022 a crime of assault has been recorded at the BEST ONE when the offender punched the victim who is a member of staff over a dispute in the store causing swelling to the victim's eye.

On 17th February 2022 Tameside MBC visited the premises with officers from Greater Manchester Police as part of 'Operation Avro'. The person working in the shop at the time of the visit was confirmed by GMP as being Naresh Mistry and whilst carrying out a full search of the premises a key was obtained from Mr Mistry for a storage cabinet underneath a coffee machine. The following items were found and seized:

200 x Richmond King Size cigarettes
400 x Business Royals cigarettes
200 x Mayfair Kingsize cigarettes
9 x 50 g Amber leaf hand rolling tobacco

All of the above information is in support of the review of the BEST ONE and it shows that the Licensing Objectives are not being met by the stop. In my opinion the shop is not promoting the Licensing Objectives.

PC 13850 Foley