

LONDON STORE IDEA LTD

(aka: LONDON KIOSK & TEMPLE KIOSK)

111, Kings Way Holborn, London, England, WC2B 6PP

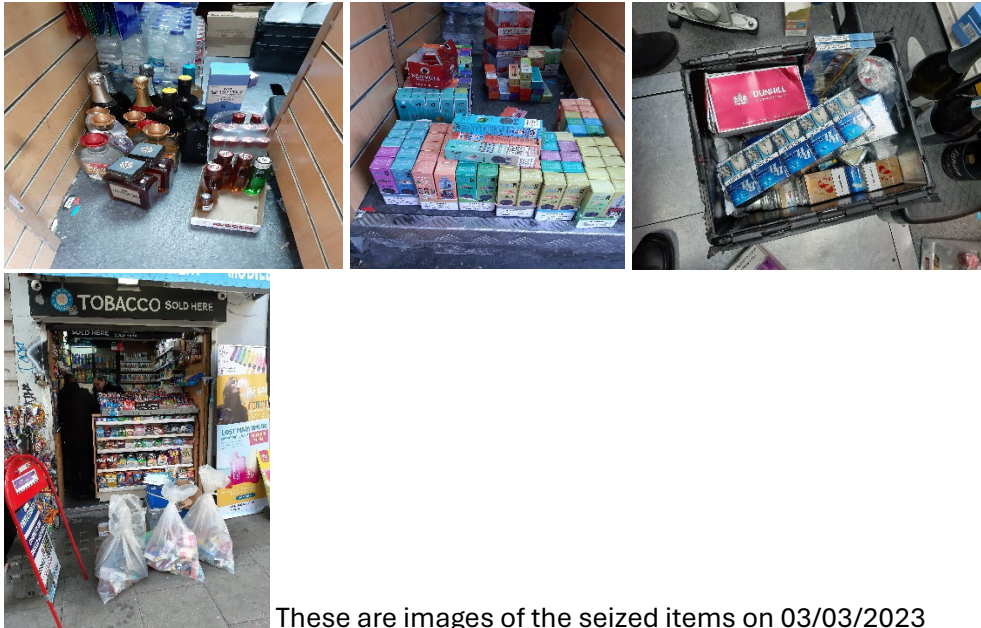
History

On 10th February 2022 at 11:00am, a test purchase was conducted at your premises, where 2 packets of Marlboro Gold cigarettes were purchased. The cigarettes were non- duty paid and therefore deemed as an offence under The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016.

On the 23rd February 2023 at 14.00pm, I visited Temple Kiosk, 111 Kingsway in Holborn. I advised **Aziz Virani**, that I had identified some of the vapes on display were over the legal liquid capacity and therefore those items needed to be removed from the premises immediately. Also, those items were not to be sold to the public and an unannounced returned visit would take place. You are here today to give an explanation.

On 3rd March 2023, I revisited Temple Kiosk, 111 Kingsway, with my TS colleague **Peter Agbley**. Several illicit vapes, alcohol and cigarettes were found hidden under the counter. All tobacco related items were seized because they were legal to be sold in the UK. The alcohol items were seized because the premises did not have a licence to sell alcohol.





These are images of the seized items on 03/03/2023

On 31st March 2023, Mr **Aziz VIRANI**, was interviewed under PACE 2000. At the end of the interview, Mr VIRANI, was advised by TS Officer **Peter AGBLEY**, who was a former Licencing Officer, that he was not allowed to keep alcohol on his premises without a Premises licence. He was issued a warning letter as a result of the investigation.

On Monday 8th October 2024, I attended **Temple Kiosk, 111 Kingsway, London WC2B 6PP**, with my Trading Standards colleagues **Ann Bowes** and **Simon Parris**.

When we arrived, we saw a lone IC4 male, who later identified himself as **SONI HARSH GOPALKUMAR DOB 19/03/1997 and Address 22 TANNERS LANE IG6 1QT**.

After explaining the purpose of the visit, we began looking around the premises. I immediately found sleeves of Marlboro Gold cigarettes marked duty free sale only marked on the side of the packaging.

Whilst conducting the search, **HARSH**, phoned the owner **Aziz VIRANI**, who I am aware of due to a previous seizer on 03/03/2023, where the similar items were found.

I then spoke with **Aziz VIRANI**, and asked him why he had alcohol again on the premises when he doesn't have premises licence to sale alcohol?

At this point VIRANI'S son **KRISH VIRANI** intervened and claimed that the alcohol was from a temporary event notice from the Christmas.

Ann Bowes, then noticed a trap door below where she was standing, so **Simon Parris**, then opened the trap door, which lead to an underground basement storage, which contained large quantities of alcohol.

Alcohol was also retrieved from the fridge, which had been there for so long, that it had frozen to the ice fridge.

We left the premises, seizing tobacco, e-cigarettes and alcohol products.

On 9th October 2024, **Simon Parris** and I returned to the **Temple Kiosk, 111 Kingsway, London WC2B 6PP**, to conduct a test purchase for age restricted goods. The 16-year-old volunteer was sold a **Watermelon Ice Loss Mary** vape, by **SONI HARSH GOPALKUMAR**.

HARSH, admitted that he didn't ask for identification as he wasn't paying attention to who he was selling to.

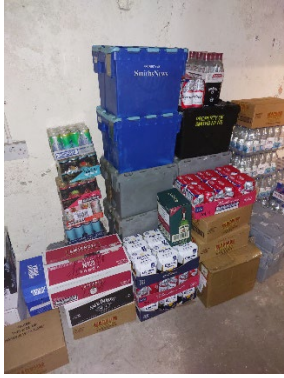
To my surprise we found that items had been restock so we found more alcohol, cigarettes, vapes and Apple chargers and EarPods. The items were recorded and seized.

On 11th October 2024, I received a phone call from **PC Christopher (Chris)Malone** (Licencing Police), who informed me that he was at the Temple Kiosk, following the report of alcohol being seized from a non-licenced premises.

PC Malone informed me that he had found bottles of Champagne in the basement and there were more packets of illicit tobacco found. I have enclosed a copy of the file note received from **PC Malone**.

On 28th October 2024, I conducted a PACE interview with **Aziz Virani** and his son **Krish Virani**. During this interview **Krish Virani** seemed to answer all questions relating the functioning of the business. When questioned why the alcohol was found on the premises, **Krish Virani** stated that he did not have time to remove it even though it was ten months after the Temporary Event Notice (TEN's) was granted. Both **Aziz** and **Krish Virani** began laughing seemingly thinking it was a joke. Both **Aziz** and **Krish Virani**, were told not keep any alcohol on the premises without a licence and pass the allowed time of the TENs.

On 23rd January 2025, I returned to London Kiosk with **Simon Parris** as a routine TS visit. We immediately spotted Velo nicotine pouches which were written in a foreign language. **Simon Parris** then to a look in the basement, where he found a large amount of alcohol. I attempted to speak to Aziz Virani and again the conversation was overtaken by Krish Virani, who stated that he didn't have time to remove the drinks from the premises even though three weeks had passed since the expiration of TENs notice.



This is a picture of the alcohol found on 23/01/2025.