

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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Representation supporting Home Office Immigration Enforcement Review
Application for Akaya Lounge, High Street, Slough

[REDACTED] Pearmain, Police Licensing Officer, on behalf of Thames Valley Police wish to make representation in support of the Review application made by the above Government Enforcement Agency.

The representation identifies that the Licensing Objective- Prevention of Crime and Disorder has been undermined by the actions of this premise, namely [REDACTED] who is the Premise Licence Holder.

On 11th January 2025 the South Central Immigration Compliance Enforcement (ICE) Team gained entry to the premise under Section 179 of the Licensing Act 2003. Police Officers were also present.

The Premises Licence holder [REDACTED] was not at the premise during the visit. It is important to recognise that the Premises Licence Holder is responsible for the employment of staff and for carrying out due diligence checks regarding the right to work. This he has clearly failed to do, resulting in 4 individuals who were identified as Immigration Offenders and arrested.

There are a host of issues when illegal workers are employed, and such employment constitutes a criminal activity which has a serious impact on society. It can also in some circumstances have a serious and real implications relating to Modern Day Slavery.

The current Secretary of State Guidance pursuant to the Licensing Act 2003 specifically deal with this in sections 11.27 & 11.28;-

11.27 :- There is a certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises:

For the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;

For the sale and distribution of illegal firearms;

For the evasion of copyright in respect of pirated or unlicensed films and music, which does considerable damage to the industries affected;

For the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people;

For prostitution or the sale of unlawful pornography;

By organised groups of paedophiles to groom children;

As the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs;

For the organisation of racist activity or the promotion of racist attacks;

For employing a person who is disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status in the UK;

For unlawful gambling; and

For the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

1.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. **Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the Crime Prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence — even in the first instance — should be seriously considered.**

I have attached a copy of the Gen 40 incident report from PC 7576 which relates to the joint visit with Immigration Officers on the 11th January 2025.

I attended the premises on the 24th January 2025 with Neighbourhood Officers and found breaches of the Premises Licence.

Gen 40 dated 24/01/2025 refers

A follow- up Licensing meeting was arranged for 11 February 2025 at Windsor Police Station.

Gen 40 dated 11/02/2025 refers

I have also attached a copy of the Police Warning issued to [REDACTED] for the breaches of the Premises Licence found during the visit on the 11th January 2025 and for breaches found during a Licensing visit on Friday 24th January 2025.

Warning letter dated 11/02/2025 refers

Thames Valley Police fully support the Home Office Immigration in the request for the Premises Licence to be revoked, to assist in the promotion of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety Licensing objectives.