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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Objections - Broadway Supermarket 154 South Road, Stourbridge DY8 3RW also known as Stourbridge Mini Market

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West Midlands Police wish to object to the transfer of premises licence to Saman Haroon Mehmud and the variation of DPS to Rebar Salar at Broadway Service Station (also known as Stourbridge Mini Market), 154 South Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3RW (DY/51/1261), under the Prevention of Crime & Disorder and Protection of Children From Harm licensing objectives.

On 11 April 2023, Trading Standards Officers conducted a Test Purchase operation at this premises, which resulted in the sale of a disposable vape to two 16 year females. They had also received intelligence that the premises were selling oversized vapes. Following the test purchase, Trading Standards Officers entered the premises where there was an unknown male present, stacking shelves. Trading Standards Officers explained the underage sale. Illegal vapes were seen in a display cabinet on the shop counter, therefore Trading Standards explained that they would be carrying out an inspection of the premises using their powers under the Consumer Rights Act 2015. At this point the male stated that he was phoning the owner. Trading Standards began carrying out a search behind the counter for illegal vapes. As well as those vapes in the display cabinet, there were more under the counter and three boxes of vapes on the floor, which they proceeded to seize.

Rebar Salar, the proposed DPS, then entered the premises. He was obstructive and aggressive and refused to provide his details. Mr Salah told Trading Standards that they could not take the illegal vapes without providing the shop with a notice first and that this was what had happened at his shop in Smethwick. Trading Standards advised that they had the powers to seize the vapes and therefore that is what they intended to do.

Mr Salah telephoned Saman Mehmud, the proposed Premises Licence Holder, who when put onto speaker phone made threats to Trading Standards Officers. Mr Salah began filming Trading Standards Officers and stated that he would upload the video to social media. Trading Standards continued to seize the vapes at which point Mr Salah assaulted one of the Trading Standards Officers. This investigation is currently ongoing. Police Officers attended and the vapes were seized. The attached statement from Mark Beesley, Trading Standards Officer, provides a full account of the operation and subsequent incident.

On 18 April 2023, Trading Standards seized an illegal vape and a packet of counterfeit cigarettes from the premises. Following the seizure, Trading Standards Officers intended to conduct a full inspection of the premises under the Consumer Rights Action 2015, however, they were unable to gain access as the roller shutter on the shop had been pulled down and locked to prevent entry via the door that the Officer used earlier.

On the basis of the above, West Midlands Police strongly object to both the transfer of premises licence and variation of DPS, as not only have Saman Meluh and Rebar Salar failed to uphold the Prevention of Crime & Disorder and Protection of Children From Harm licensing objectives, but are also currently under investigation by Trading Standards for the following offences of Trademarks Act 1994, Fraud Act 2006, Tobacco & Related Products Regulations 2016 and Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015. Mr Salar is also under investigation by West Midlands Police for Common Assault on 11 April 2023.

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Morning Kay,

West Midlands Police wish to add additional representations with regards to The Broadway Service Station, 154 South Road, ,Stourbridge.

Additional Information Re- Stourbridge Mini Market, 154 South Road, Norton DY8 3RW

On Tuesday 16th May 2023, Dudley MBC Trading Standards, assisted by Officers from West Midlands Police executed search warrants at the premises known as Stourbridge Mini Market, 154 South Road, Norton DY8 3RW. The warrants, granted by Dudley Magistrates Court related to the suspected storage and sale of illegal tobacco and disposable vapes from the retail premises. During the course of the search a large amount of counterfeit cigarettes and illegal oversized vapes were recovered from a motor vehicle and residential property, both of which were associated with the shop premises and the business operators. A criminal investigation has commenced against all parties connected with the business itself and the owners of the properties concerned

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At 1700 hours, Monday 19th June 2023 following a Trading Standards Visit to Broadway Service Station, 154 South Road, Stourbridge a male giving his details as Saman MEHMUD sold a can of 4% ABV Strongbow cider to a 15 year old child volunteer for £1.50

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