

Application to Vary the Premises Licence for Yalding Supermarket, Benover Road, Yalding, Maidstone ME18 6EJ

Summary of the application:

- To change the hours for the sale of alcohol for consumption ON AND OFF the premises:

Monday to Sunday 07.30hrs to 23.00hrs (ON sales from 11.00hrs)

- To change the opening hours for the premises:

Monday to Sunday 07.30hrs to 23.00hrs

- To alter the layout of the premises as per the layout plan accompanying the application
- To remove films, indoor sporting events, live music, recorded music, anything similar to live / recorded music / and late-night refreshment from the list of permitted licensable activities
- To remove the existing non-standard timings for licensable activities from the licence.
- To remove the conditions at Annex 3 (page 6) of the premises licence and replace them with a new set of conditions and measures to promote the licensing objectives

Please Note:

The current premises licence is effectively a licence designed for a public house premises. The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises is permitted under the existing premises licence, along with associated regulated entertainment activities and late-night refreshment.

The premises licence was recently transferred to Yalding Retail Ltd. As a result, the business model for the premises has changed, with the main focus being operating as a convenience store.

Although mainly operating as a convenience store, the premises licence holder wishes to retain the ability to be able to sell alcohol for consumption ON the premises also. The premises benefits from two external areas (a covered area immediately adjacent to the premises, and a garden with patio benches and similar).

Both areas are shown on the accompanying layout plans and these areas will be included in the area for permitted licensable activity. This will mean that the premises licence holder can provide a waiter / waitress service as well as providing a serving hatch adjacent to the external area where customers can purchase refreshments.

Being external areas, there is no desire to provide regulated entertainment. The requested amended hours will also negate the need for late-night refreshment to be permitted. The premises will maintain a kitchen area, customers will be able to order

food which can be eaten in the external areas of the premise or can be taken away / delivered from the premises also.

Steps to promote the licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

All staff involved in the retail of alcohol will be trained in relation to the law regarding its sale. This training must be completed prior to them being authorised to sell alcohol by the DPS. A record of this training must be kept and maintained with a copy of the syllabus attached. The recipient of the training must sign to state they have received and understood the training and this should be dated.

This record should be kept on the premises at all times and made available for inspection following a reasonable request from an officer from a responsible authority.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

A CCTV system shall be installed and maintained at the premises. The system must be capable of recording and storing moving images and record at all times when the premises is open to the public.

The system must cover all public entry and exit points and any area where alcohol is exposed for sale. All images must be stored for a period of no less than 31 days and made available to an officer from a responsible authority following a reasonable request.

Ensure an incident book is maintained at the premises to record details of any incidents the nature of which may have compromised any of the licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003. CCTV recording dates & times shall be linked to incident book entries.

A comprehensive record of staff members must be kept and maintained. This record must include names, dates of birth, home addresses and current, valid documentation demonstrating the right to work of the individual with photographic ID. this record must be kept on the premises at all times and employees details must be retained for a period of no less than six months after their employment has ceased. The records must be made available to an officer from a responsible authority including an immigration officer upon a reasonable request.

Spirits will be displayed behind the sales point counter and will not be available by self-service.

The sale of alcohol for consumption ON the premises will not commence before 11.00hrs on any given day.

c) Public safety

Staff shall be trained in respect of the fire risk assessment for the premises.

Staff will be trained in respect of the Health and Safety risk assessment for the premises.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

A notice shall be displayed in a prominent position requesting customers to use the external areas quietly, respecting the needs for local residents.

The external areas shall be managed in a way that ensures no nuisance is caused.

e) The protection of children from harm

A 'Challenge 25' scheme will be implemented and maintained, whereby any person that appears under 25 years of age has to prove they are over 18 by providing acceptable identification (as per the Home Office Guidance on acceptable ID – ID must contain a photograph, date of birth, holographic mark or ultra violet feature).

A notice shall be displayed in a prominent position at the premises to advise customers that Challenge 25 is in operation at the premises.

A refusals log / electronic till record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of age related products including alcohol. The log should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The log shall be available for inspection at the premises by Police and authorised officers of the Local Authority upon reasonable request.