



Details of person making representation

Name of Chief Officer of Police	Chief Constable Alan Pughsley
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Details of premises representation is about

Name of Premises:	Capitol Express
Address of premises:	11 Snowdon Parade, Vinters Park Maidstone
Date application received by police	18/05/17 Must be received on the same day as the day application given to Licensing Authority.
Date representation given to Licensing Authority	25/05/17 Must be within 14 days of receipt. S42(7) Licensing Act 2003

The Chief Officer of Police has received an application for the transfer of a premises licence made under the provisions of Section 42 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 42(6) of that Act asks the Licensing Authority to consider this objection in respect of the prevention of crime and disorder objective.

Complete the following statement: -

Due to the exceptional circumstances of this case, I am satisfied that granting the application would undermine the crime prevention objective because

Kent Police have received an application to transfer the Premises Licence for Capitol Express, 11 Snowdon Parade, Maidstone from Mr Ferhat Ok to "Snowden Food Store Limited". Kent Police have spoken to the applicant's licensing consultants (NARTS, 53 Stoke Newington, High Street, London. N16 8EL) and have been told that Snowden Food Store Ltd is operated by Mr Bulent Ok who is Ferhat Ok's brother. Kent Police were also informed that Bulent Ok and Ferhat Ok own the premises on a 50/50 basis but Bulent Ok is in the process of buying out his brother who will then walk away from the business.

The premises has a history of problems and Kent Police believe that this application is simply a paperwork exercise in damage control. The venue has failed 2 test purchases in the last 4 years, the first in March 2013 when Mr Bulent Ok sold alcohol to a person under 18 and the second occasion in March 2017 when Mr Ferhat Ok sold alcohol to a person under 18. As a result of the most recent failed test purchase, Kent Police believe that this transfer is simply an attempt to suggest that significant changes have been made to the business in order to negate the necessity for further action. As well as being the co-owners, Bulent Ok and Ferhat Ok are the staff members at the premises, therefore they both have influence in the running of the premises and have a degree of responsibility.

This application simply transfers the licence from one partner who has failed a test purchase to the other partner who has also failed a test purchase. Kent Police have no confidence that the first licensing objective will be promoted if this transfer is allowed. A criminal offence was recently committed at the premises when Bulent Ok was already in a position of influence in the running of the business on top of that he himself has committed the same offence previously.

Please use separate sheets where necessary

Signed: Neil Barnes 10051

Date: .25\05\2017...

Print name:PC Neil Barnes.....

Force Number: ...10051....

pp Chief Officer of Police for the Police Area in which the licensed premises are situated

Representation must be made **within the period of 14 days** beginning with the day on which the Chief Officer of Police is notified of the application under s 42(5) Licensing Act 2003.

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to the Licensing Authority.

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.