

The Licensing Act 2003
Responsible Authority Representation Form



Section 1 - Application Details	
We object to the following Application: Applicant's name (if known): Satar Rasul FARAG [REDACTED]	
Premises name and address: Magazin Romanesc Tecuci, 194 Ashton Road, Oldham, OL8 1QT	
Type of Application: Premise Transfer Application / DPS Variation.	
Application Number (if known):	PL0978

Section 2 – Responsible Authority's Details	
Responsible Authority's Details: Please tick appropriate box:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pollution Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trading Standards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensing Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immigration
Full name:	PC 17004 Clegg
Job Title:	Police Licensing Officer
Tele number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

Address:
 Oldham Police Station,
 Barn St,
 Oldham,
 OL1 1LR.

Section 3 – Representations

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | We object to the application being granted at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | We object to the application being granted in its current form* |

*If you choose this option remember to tell us in section 3B what changes you would like to see.

You need to complete the boxes below as fully as possible. If you do not, then the Licensing Sub-Committee may not understand why you have made a representation (objection).

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary. Please number all extra pages and add the applicant's name and your name to each page.

Section 3A – The Objectives

<p>To prevent crime and disorder</p>	<p><i>Please state your reasons:</i></p> <p>The applicant, Mr. Farag, is already the proprietor of another similar business where Police and Trading Standards have had interest for some time. In January 2016 after a joint visit, Mr. Farag received a caution for the possession of 2420 mixed brand illicit cigarettes and tobacco.</p> <p>Again, in 2017 Mr. Farag was found to be in the possession of 3120 mixed brand illicit cigarettes and was prosecuted for this at Manchester Magistrates Court in 2019.</p> <p>In 2020 a further 5232 cigarettes were found at Mr. Farag's premises, unfortunately, Mr Farag is still awaiting a court hearing for this offence due to the pandemic. However, it should be noted that Trading Standards attended his premises as recent as the 12/06/2021 when Mr Farag was present and on that occasion 4730 sticks of illicit cigarettes were hidden under shelving. This most recent incident is going to be incorporated with the amount from 2020 that is still waiting to be heard at court.</p> <p>Mr. Farag has links with many nominals across Greater Manchester that are all linked to large scale import and selling of Illicit cigarettes and Tobacco in their own premises.</p>
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	From this very brief history I would say that Mr. Farag has blatant disregard for any of the processes and procedures that he should follow, never mind the law.
Public safety	<p><i>Please state your reasons:</i></p> <p>Mr. Farag has been convicted after being in possession of large quantities of illicit branded cigarettes and tobacco, the effects of which if smoked by someone could have so many untold health implications on the consumer. Whilst there is nothing direct to say that Mr. Farag is seeking to sell illicit branded alcohol, it does show that he has no consideration for the safety of the public due to his previous activities, which are as recent as two weeks ago.</p>
To prevent public nuisance	<p><i>Please state your reasons:</i></p> <p>Mr. Farag's current shop has had numerous issues with ASB outside of it, linked directly to people using his shop. If his new shop is to sell alcohol, I can only see this issue being made worse.</p>

The protection of children from harm	<p><i>Please state your reasons:</i></p> <p>Whilst there is nothing that I am aware of to link or suggest to Mr. Farag, is supplying to underage customers, it is something that with the honesty and integrity issue of Mr. Farag and the illicit cigarettes, I cannot totally look past and ignore that there may be a strong possibility that this also goes on.</p> <p>With the illicit cigarettes that have been seized already, the harm that these may have on any persons is unknown, if this sort of activity was to carry on in this premises, there is a primary school in close proximity, there is a housing estate just behind the shop that is home to many young families and there is a restaurant next door to the shop that will be visited by families.</p>
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Section 3B – Suggestions/Further information

Please give any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the cause of your representations, or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub-Committee to take into account.

Unfortunately, with Mr. Farag's continued disregard for breaking the law when it comes to the sales of illicit branded cigarettes, with one impending prosecution, having still been found in possession of more illicit branded cigarettes, I cannot see that Mr. Farag will change his attitude. This causes concern for any of his businesses that he is linked to.

Signed.....Dated.....

N.B if you do make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing and any subsequent appeal proceedings.

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: **Licensing Service, Sir Robert Peacock House, Vulcan Street, Oldham, OL1 4LA** or email to licensing@oldham.gov.uk.

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period (28 consecutive days from the date of application).