

Representation made by the Local Authority 2nd November 2018

I am an officer authorised under the Licensing Act 2003 and I make this representation on behalf of the Local Authority.

I refer to the grant application made on 5th October 2018 for a new premises licence in respect of the 'The Butter Market, Maylord Street, Hereford. HR1 2DS

The applicant is shown as Sockett Properties, 21 Burcott Road, Hereford, HR4 9LW. The person named on the application is Natasha Dunlop who will also be the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).

Since the application was made, and during the 28 day consultation period, it has been brought to the attention of the authority, that on more than one occasion the premises have been selling alcohol and providing regulated entertainment without a premise licence or temporary event notice. This was confirmed by officers of the authority, who upon investigation found events detailing the sale of alcohol which had been placed on Facebook by The Butter Market.

Due to the applicant submitting previous Temporary Event Notices (TEN's) for other one day events, the licensing authority are satisfied that the applicant was aware that there wasn't a licence or temporary event notice in place to cover licensable activities at the premises on those occasions seen on Facebook.

Between 8th February 2018 and 29th October 2018 the Licensing authority received notification of 12 temporary event notices (TENs) in respect of the premises. Five (5) from Darren Sockett and seven (7) from Natasha Dunlop. Of these, seven (7) TENs were Late TENs, two (2) were standard TEN's and three (3) were rejected. The final notification for an event for 3rd November 2018 was refused due to the timescale in which it was received not complying with legislation.

The authority therefore has serious reservations over her ability to be able to run a premises when she has little or no knowledge of the licensing laws. The applicant has already demonstrated their disregard or lack of understanding of the requirements of the Licensing legislation, by operating without a licence. The proposed premise licence holder/DPS has demonstrated a willingness to disregard the licensing objectives, and the authority believes this could have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives especially as the premises is situated in the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ).

Summary of representation

1. The applicants have operated the premises without a licence. (This representation does not fetter the Authorities ability to take further action, if it is deemed to be in the public interest).

The Licensing Authority therefore at this time **objects** to the licence being granted.

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