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West Mercia Police are in receipt of an application for a premises licence for a location known as **Kubus Polski Skelp, 22 Eign Gate, Hereford**. The applicant is for the licensable activity of the sale/supply of alcohol.

The application seeks to specify the designated premises supervisor as Agnieszka GIZAK. She is also the applicant for the premises licence

West Mercia Police **OBJECT** to this application on the grounds to grant it will undermine the licensing objectives.

This premises is an established premises and was licensed for similar activities until November 2015. At that time the then premises licence holder informed the Licensing Authority that they wished to surrender the premises licence. However it appears that due to an oversight, his information was not passed to the police at the time and they only became aware of it at a later date.

In January 2016, the police attended the premises as a result of noticing that the shop name had changed. They spoke to the applicant for this matter - Agnieszka GIZAK - who informed them she was the manager and was in the process of taking over the lease. At this time alcohol was openly on display.

On the 17 March 2016, during discussions with the authority, the police became aware that the premises licence had been surrendered in November 2015. The police attended the address and found alcohol openly on display. Telephone conversations took place with Ms GIZAK, who clearly indicated that the business was still being run and owned by the previous licence holder and that she had not taken over the lease. She said that there was an 'alcohol licence' still in place. As a result of further conversations Ms GIZAK admitted that she ran the shop and after strong advice she removed all alcohol that was openly on display for sale.

The concern West Mercia Police have is that there is uncertainty with regards to who actually owns the premises and is ultimately responsible for the potential licensable activities that are proposed. It is the view of the police that the applicant for this application - Ms GIZAK - has misinformed the police and she has undertaken unlicensed licensable activities when in a position of authority for a period of at least 4 months.

Therefore the police feel to grant this application will undermine the licensing objectives.

Regards

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