

Trading Standards Objection – 31.01.2023

I am an officer authorised under the Licensing Act 2003.

I refer to the application made to Grant a premises licence in respect of Bebrosa, 24 Eign Gate, Hereford.

I would like to object to the recent premises licence application made by Mantas Bagdonas of Berbrosa Limited (14503570) for 24 Eign Gate, Hereford, HR4 0AB.

On the 18th November 2022, the premises licence was revoked for IRI Ltd t/a Europe, 24 Eign Gate, Hereford, following a review launched by West Mercia Police. Prior to this, in the summer of 2020, the licence for the same premises was suspended for three months following a review launched by Trading Standards - The director of this company was Ina Turuleine during both suspension and revocation.

The company Berbrosa Limited was incorporated by company director Mantas Bagdonas on the 24th November 2022, less than a week after the licence for 24 Eign Gate (the premises the company has now applied for) was revoked. Berbrosa Limited itself is registered to 219 Belmont Road, Hereford.

Mr Bagdonas has previously been director of a company called MISUN LIMITED (12064775) from June 2019 until March 2020. There is also a record on Companies House showing Mr Bagdonas as being director and owner of the same company from 13th March 2020 until 21st August 2020, with the registered address throughout this whole period being 24 Eign Gate, Hereford, HR4 0AB – The same address as Europe and the current premises he is applying for a premises licence under his new company Berbrosa Limited.

Prior to Mr Bagdonas being sole director of MISUN LIMITED, Ina Turuliene (as mentioned above) was director of MISUN LIMITED from 24th June 2019 until 28th October 2019 and another record shows as being appointed and resigning as director on the same day on the 13th March 2020.

Mantas Bagdonas and Ina Turuliene were therefore directors of the same company, at the same time, for a number of months, which was registered to 24 Eign Gate, Hereford HR4 0AB - The same premises where the alcohol licence was revoked back in November 2022.

Whilst, on the face of it, the new company Berbrosa Limited may seem completely separate from IRI Ltd t/a Europe, it is clear from Companies House records that there has been a long-standing business connection between Ina Turuliene and Mantas Bagdonas. This information therefore, in my opinion, calls into question the legitimacy of the new premises licence application by Berbrosa Limited for 24 Eign Gate, Hereford. The history of the premises has come under scrutiny a number of times and committee felt it appropriate to suspend and eventually revoke the licence.

I would suggest there is a strong possibility that the new application is an attempt to circumvent the Licensing sub-committee decision and obtain a new premises licence under false pretences. The application is for a premises which has previously been linked to both the new applicant (Mantas Bagdonas) and previous licence holder (Ina Turuliene).

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