



# **Avon & Somerset Constabulary**

## **Additional Supporting Information**

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### **Buy for Less – 7 Church Street, Highbridge TA9 3AE** **Hearing – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 1300hrs**

Since submitting our representations, it is usual to continue to collate or update information prior to the hearing which may assist the sub-committee to reach a decision. Our further supporting and updated information is as follows:-

In our representation submitted on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 we have advised of several pieces of information relating to the sale of illicit or counterfeit tobacco. We have subsequently disclosed this information to Trading Standards as per our processes and procedures.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at approx 1815hrs a colleague from Heart of the South West Trading Standards has successfully purchased what he believes to be counterfeit cigarettes from the premises and I attach his detailed statement together with photographs of the purchased products.

The description given of the seller meets that of the applicant Kaiwan Ahmad HASSAN and I have also attached a photograph of his ID in support of this. It is my understanding that only the applicant and Mr Shorsh Ismail HASHMI work at the premises.

11.27 of the S.182 Guidance of the Licensing Act 2003 states that there is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. Relevant to this application would be the use of the premises:

- For the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco.

The dangers and effects of selling illicit tobacco have been outlined in the attached statement and as it is now proven that the premises is selling illicit tobacco as per substantial intelligence received. We therefore, re-iterate that to grant this licence would undermine all 4 of the licensing objectives and we ask that this application is refused.

**Nicola Cooper (8820)**  
**Police Alcohol Licensing Officer**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**