

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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Subject :

'Under The Arches' - Objection to applicatoin for Premises Licence

Dear Licensing Authoirty,

On 9th April 2021 Thames Valley Police received an application for a Premises Licence for a 3m x 3m market stall on a Tuesday, Friday and Saturday in High Wycombe to sell wine between the hours of 09.00 and 23.00 hrs.

The application indicates that the stall is covered by Town Centre CCTV and this will be the main prevention for Crime and Disorder. In fact the CCTV although nearby cannot be relied upon to provide Crime Prevention cover for this stall as it is on a mobile pan facility and not static operation. He also talks about 'proof of age cards' which under the mandatory conditions he should identify what challenge programme he is using.

I have been in contact with the applicant to try to get some idea of how things could be improved but All I'm getting back is they'll agree with anything I come up with. It is not for me to tell him what he needs to do and from the questions that I have aksed I have indicated the issues but he has not come up with any solutions. There is no other indication when asked of any preventative measures being taken by the applicant other than getting another stall holder to 'keep an eye on his stall' if he has to leave it.

Therefore on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for the Thames Valley Police Service we object to this application.

We are concerned that with the itinerates and some of the 'others' that we have in the Town area are likely to see this as an easy target to steal from if they get the slightest chance even if the stall holder is present and dealing with other customers especially if products are on display. If the stall holder is away for a reason and it is being 'kept an eye on' then in our view it could be 'Christmas' and bottles of wine could well be disappearing.

There may - although not easy - be some conditions that might be attached to the licence which is something that we are looking at this time.

Unfortunately there are no individual Market stalls licensed within Thames Valley Police other than a couple that have conditions such as training and Challenge 25. All in all this is new territory we are working on and conditions may be things like;

Only empty bottles of wine will be on display.

Full bottles to be kept under the stall tables protected from the front by screens

Tasting bottles (if he wants them present) must be furthest from the public grasp.

Challenge 25 policy & signs will be present and only valid UK driving licence, valid UK passport of other valid National ID card / passport will be accepted.

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