

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the
Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Trading Standards

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Central England Co-operative 49 High Street Eye	
Post town Peterborough	Post code (if known) PE6 7UX

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Central England Co-operative Limited

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 075416

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

~~1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)~~

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) ✓

~~3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)~~

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

Please tick ✓ yes

I am 18 years old or over

**Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

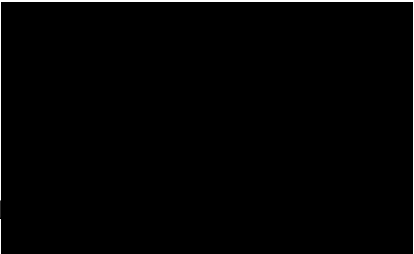
(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards Louise Gratton Sand Martin House Bittern Way Peterborough PE2 8TY	
	

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder ✓
- 2) ~~public safety~~
- 3) ~~the prevention of public nuisance~~
- 4) the protection of children from harm ✓

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

This application to review the premises licence for the Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX is following underage sales test purchase exercises on 24/08/2022 and 27/10/2022 by officers from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards, during which alcohol was sold to persons under the age of 18.

Consideration has been given to Licensing Objectives:

- The protection of children from harm
- The prevention of crime and disorder

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

The Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX is a retail store operating under premises licence (PL No: 075416) issued by Peterborough City Council which permits the sale of alcohol.

The premises is situated within an area containing both residential and commercial properties. It is open 7 days a week 07:00-22:00hrs.



On 26/05/2022 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards received information from Cambridgeshire Police that the Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX was alleged to be selling alcohol to underage persons.

At the end of June 2022 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards sent advice letters in relation to age restricted goods to a number of businesses including the Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX. The letters provided information on what steps could be taken to ensure that sales of age restricted products to underage persons did not occur. (Appendix A).

On 24/08/2022 the Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX was visited by officers from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards as part of an underage sales test purchasing exercise following an increase in complaints regarding the sale of age restricted products to school age children. The officers were supported by licensing officers from Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire Police.

During the exercise, an age restricted product was supplied to a volunteer under the age of 18, namely a bottle of Lime Tree Chardonnay, contrary to the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003. No challenge was made on the volunteer's age or whether they had identification. The sale was witnessed by Senior Trading Standards Officer [REDACTED] EDMUNDS. Officer EDMUNDS has provided a witness statement (Appendix B).

The seller was wearing a Challenge 25 badge on their uniform top and had overridden the till prompts. Challenge 25 was on display in the store. The seller had received underage sales training only days before the test purchase following an in-house test purchase failure (over 18, under 25).

The Central England Co-operative Head Office was notified of the test purchase failure (Appendix C) as was their Primary Authority, Staffordshire Trading Standards.

The Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX was visited again on 27/10/2022 by officers from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards as part of a further underage sales test purchasing exercise.

During the exercise, an age restricted product was supplied to a volunteer under the age of 18, namely a can of IPA beer, contrary to the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003. No challenge was made on the volunteer's age or whether they had identification.

The sale was witnessed by Trading Standards Officer [REDACTED] ROBINSON who noted that Challenge 25 was in place in store. The refusals log was seen which showed there were regular entries and thirteen (13) sales challenged in the previous four (4) weeks. Officer ROBINSON has provided a witness statement (Appendix D).

The seller was not the same person who sold on 24/08/2022. The seller had commenced working at the store in September since which they had undertaken underage sales training two (2) or three (3) times.

The Central England Co-operative Head Office was notified of the test purchase failure (Appendix E) as was their Primary Authority, Staffordshire Trading Standards.

For information:

The UK Chief Medical Officers recommend that an alcohol-free childhood is the healthiest and best option. Alcohol use during teenage years is related to a wide range of health and social problems.

(<https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/facts/alcohol-and-the-law/the-law-on-alcohol-and-under-18s>).

The following is taken from the 'Guidance on the consumption of alcohol by children and young people' (2009):

- Alcohol consumption during any stage of childhood can have a harmful effect on a child's development. Alcohol use during the teenage years is related to a wide range of health and social problems, and young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are more likely to experience problems related to their alcohol use.
- Beginning to drink before age 14 is associated with increased health risks, including alcohol-related injuries, involvement in violence, and suicidal thoughts and attempts. Drinking at an early age is also associated with having more sexual partners, pregnancy, using drugs, employment problems, and risky driving behaviours.
- Young people may suffer high levels of harm if they begin drinking in parks, streets, and other unsupervised settings.
- Children and young people who drink frequently and binge drink are more likely to suffer alcohol-related consequences. Individuals vary in the way that

they react to alcohol, and young people may have a greater vulnerability to certain harmful effects of alcohol than adults.

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alcohol-consumption-by-children-and-young-people>)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards as a responsible authority recommend a licence review due to these underage sales test purchase failures.

This is supported by guidance issued under S.182 of the Licensing Act 2003:

- 11.27 - There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. This, amongst others, includes the use of the licensed premises for the illegal purchase and consumption of alcohol by minors which impacts on the health, educational attainment, employment prospects and propensity for crime of young people.

Guidance states:

The Government believes that it is completely unacceptable to sell alcohol to children. Conditions relating to the access of children where alcohol is sold, and which are appropriate to protect them from harm should be carefully considered.

At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence or club premises certificate, a responsible authority, or any other person, may ask the licensing authority to review the licence or certificate because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Copy of the advice letter sent to the Central England Co-operative, 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX at the end of June 2022 in relation to age restricted goods.

Appendix B – S.9 statement of Senior Trading Standards Officer [REDACTED] EDMUNDS regarding the underage sale of alcohol on 24/08/2022.

Appendix C – Redacted test purchase 24/08/2022 failure letter to Central England Co-operative Head Office

Appendix D – S.9 statement of Trading Standards Office [REDACTED] ROBINSON regarding the underage sale of alcohol on 27/10/2022.

Appendix E – Redacted test purchase 27/10/2022 failure letter to Central England Co-operative Head Office

Please tick ✓ No

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
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If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓

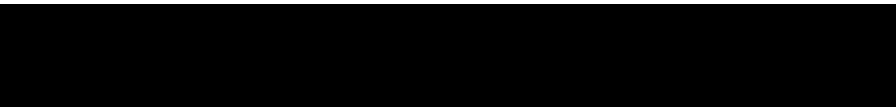
Yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**



Date

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Capacity Trading Standards Officer, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trading Standards

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

