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Mr EOR Jones,
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18 April 2023

Dear Mr Jones,

Re: Transfer of Premises Licence and application for Designated Premises Supervisor at Stamps, 69 Stepney Street, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, SA15 1AA

Date completed application received – 09/03/2023

I refer to the above Transfer of Premises Licence and Designated Premises Supervisor applications submitted for Stamps, 69 Stepney Street, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire by Mr Aaron Lee Coelho.

Having examined Mr Coelho's application, I refer to the Home Office Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 which states at paragraph 8.101 that in exceptional circumstances where the Chief Officer of Police believes the transfer would undermine the Crime Prevention Objective, the Police may object. I am submitting that Dyfed-Powys are objecting to both applications on the following grounds.

Operation Elegant investigated a gang which were transporting the Class-A drug cocaine between Swansea, Pontarddulais and Llanelli in a covert operation over a five-month period. The operation resulted in more than 2kg of cocaine being seized.



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Mae Heddlu Dyfed-Powys yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg. Byddwn ni'n sicrhau ein bod ni'n ymateb yn eich dewis iaith ac ni fydd oedi mewn perthynas ag unrhyw ohebiaeth drwy'r Gymraeg.

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In total nine defendants admitted their involvement in the conspiracy to supply cocaine between May and October 2020. These included:

A male from Burry Port, who played a leading role in the conspiracy, was jailed for eight years and eight months.

The female partner of the above male and sister of the applicant, from Llanelli, who acted as a courier, was sentenced to two years and five months in prison..

Jordan Dale Parry, from Llanelli, received a sentence of three years and four months.

With regards to Stamps, the leaseholder of the premises is Ethan Smith and it has been reported in the press that the Bar manager will be Jordan Dale Parry who was released from prison on 25/01/2022 and is on licence until the 07/02/2024. Aaron Lee Coelho is employed by Ethan Smith to work at Stamps.

Mr Ethan Smith is also the manager of Rebel Vape located at 35 Station Road, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire and employs Aaron Lee Coelho to also work there.

Ethan Smith has 12 convictions. The first conviction was on 05/10/12 and his last conviction was 03/06/20. His recent adult conviction summary is as follows:

- 2020 – Driving whilst Disqualified – 14wks Imprisonment
Racially Aggravated Public Order – 8wk Concurrent
Wasting Police Time – 8wk Concurrent
Offence while on suspended sentence order

Theft of motor vehicle – 20wks Suspended
- 2019 – Failure to comply with suspended sentence
Driving while disqualified
Using motor vehicle without insurance
Fraudulently use registration mark/document
Fail to surrender to custody
- 2018 - Driving while disqualified – 16wks Imprisonment
Using Motor vehicle without insurance

Jordan Dale Parry has 11 convictions. The first conviction was on 04/05/10 and the last conviction was 07/09/21. His recent adult conviction summary is as follows:

2021 - Conspiring to supply control drug – 40months Imprisonment

2017- Assault by Battery – 4 months imprisonment
Drive vehicle excess alcohol – 4 months concurrent
Use vehicle without insurance
Dangerous Driving – 6 Months Imprisonment

With regards to the Drug conviction, Parry was sentenced at Swansea Crown Court on the 07/09/21 for 40 months for Conspiracy/Supplying Controlled Drugs Class A – Cocaine.

Aaron Lee Coelho has one conviction on the 07/05/15 at Carmarthen Magistrates Court for Affray where he received a sentence of 12 weeks at a Young Offenders Institution suspended for 12 months.

Ethan Smith and Jordan Dale Parry have been involved in criminality for a number of years as listed above. Whilst Ethan Smith has leased the Stamps building and Jordan Dale Parry has stated in the press that he is the bar manager, they are both aware that if either applied to be the Premises License holder / DPS, the Police would object.

It is my view that due to the fact that Aaron Lee Coelho only has one conviction in 2015 he has been put forward by Smith and Dale Parry as there is less likelihood of an objection to the applications in his name. However, due to his close association with Smith and the close association between Ethan Smith and Dale Parry as well as the fact that he is linked to a number of individuals recently involved in serious crime within the Llanelli area, I am satisfied that this is exceptional and would undermine the crime prevention objective.

In April, there have been 7 incidents at Stamps reported to police. These reports have been made by staff, CCTV operators, ambulance service and concerned members of the public.

01/04/23 - Ambulance crew called for assistance at Stamps as unconscious female, roused and become violent towards them.

01/04/23 - Police were called to an intoxicated female fighting with door staff.

02/04/23 - DV incident at Stamps was reported to police.

06/04/23 - Police were called to Stamps as a male was alleged to be fighting with everyone, patrons saying he has drugs on him.

09/04/23 - Police were called to an intoxicated male fighting with staff. We received 2 separate calls to this incident.

09/04/23 - Male reported being assaulted at Stamps.

10/04/23 – Person reported to police a concern for safety while being at Stamps.

I believe the number of incidents occurring at Stamps within such a short space of time is concerning and provides further evidence to support the objection to the Transfer of Premises Licence and Designated Premises Supervisor application as submitted.

Yours sincerely,

Police Sergeant Ben Ashton
Carmarthenshire Neighbourhood Policing Team.