



Mr T Smith



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Dear 

Premises Licence application - 12 Oakwood Drive

I wanted to write this letter to you to properly introduce myself and address your representation against my premises licence application as I am aware this had led to concerns from some in the local area.

First, I have lived at 12 Oakwood Drive since 1984 and since 1996 have run my company, TMS Services as a consultancy. I also operate TMS Models, which I created due to my love of model trains. It is a company that provide a marketing and procurement service for modellers and collectors.

A number of years ago I was fortunate to be in a position to purchase some casks of malt whiskey distilled at Bruichladdich on Islay. The intention of the premises licence application is simply to allow me to be able to lawfully sell bottles of this malt whiskey to the public, principally through internet sales, for which I intend to create a bespoke website.

A requirement of the application was to display a public notice stating the licensable activity sought (sale of alcohol by retail) and the timings proposed. I appreciate that the notice does not provide much information about the application but the application form itself does confirm the nature of the proposal and that there is no intention to sell the whiskey to any unannounced buyer nor would customers be permitted access to the licensed premises. As you will appreciate, 12 Oakwood Drive is my home and I have no intention to turn it into some form of off licence shop. Indeed, the only area the application seeks to license is my garage as that is where I will store some of the bottled whiskey prior to processing any online orders. Furthermore, I will only process these orders in the mornings hence the limited licensed hours sought (09:30 to 12:30).

I intend to fulfil any orders by either delivering any purchased whiskey myself to buyers (if they were local) or using a courier service.

As part of the application process, the application was considered by numerous Responsible Authorities. The only one that contacted me to discuss the application was the Police who requested that I volunteer some more conditions to be placed on the licence. I confirm that I agreed to all their suggested conditions verbatim. I am not sure you will have been privy to these so for the avoidance of doubt, I set out the agreed conditions below (all of which will be a matter of public record if the licence is granted):

- *"All sales / deliveries of alcohol must be pre ordered via telephone / internet only and verification must be requested/obtained that the person placing and receiving the order is over 18 years of age.*
- *Records of all sales / deliveries shall be maintained in a log. The log shall include the name and address details of the person who has placed the order and also the name and address details of the person receiving the order and form of ID provided if relevant. These records shall be produced to the Police or any other responsible authority on request.*
- *All sales shall be paid for prior to delivery only and a strict challenge 25 policy shall be in use to prevent the sale or supply of alcohol to persons under 18 years of age.*
- *The policy shall require any person who appears to be under the age of 18 years to produce a recognised proof of age card, accredited under the Proof of Age Standards (Pass), or, if a proof of age card is not available, a photo driving licence or passport, to prove that they are over the age of 18 years."*

If you were not aware, I am 75 years old and as mentioned run both TMS Services and TMS Models. I have never had any inclination to operate some form off licence grocery shop and certainly not at this time in my life. Any licence would not allow this anyway based on what I stated in my application and the further conditions agreed with the Police. The application is merely to facilitate my desire to sell my whiskey to fellow whiskey lovers.

I hope that this letter has addressed your concerns and if that is the case I should be grateful if you would write to the licensing authority to withdraw your representation. If you still have concerns that you would like to discuss with me then please make contact preferably by e-mail in the first instance as I spend time at my storage unit or visiting customers. The best telephone number to call is 01625 829805, or please knock on my door.

Yours sincerely

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