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**Lynn Express 107 Norfolk Street, Kings Lynn**

Dear Licensing Team,

Further to my letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 raising police objections to the transfer of the premises licence at this address, I have the following:-

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Jamshid ALI was stopped by police in his vehicle and he said he ran two off-licenses in Kings Lynn one called KUBUS and one called LYNN EXPRESS.

On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Police and trading standards visited KUBUS and LYNN EXPRESS and met with Jamshid ALI who said he was the manager for both stores. He provided CCTV from both stores tending to confirm this.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 I received information that the applicant Joana Laurusonyte is the ex-girlfriend of the premises licence holder Sarhad SALARI. Mr Salari had apparently disclosed this during a visit to the premises by Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council.

On 14 December 2016 a test purchaser employed by Norfolk Trading Standards bought contraband cigarettes for £2.80 from Lynn Express

On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 a sizeable stash of smuggled cigarettes and tobacco was found in an elaborate hide beneath the counter at Lynn Express. On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 similar large, concealed stashes of smuggled cigarettes and tobacco were found at KUBUS.

On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the premises licence at KUBUS was revoked after a review hearing. LYNN EXPRESS was to be heard the same day but an adjournment was sought to absorb the late evidence gathered on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

This shows an inextricable link between activities at the two shops and suggests the application to transfer the premises licence received on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 is an attempt to circumvent the review process and leave Mr SALARI with an outlet to continue his criminal enterprise.

Yours sincerely

Chris Brooks,  
Police licensing officer