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From: David Dadds on behalf of Louise Bailey
Sent: 03 April 2020 12:56
To: Licensing Braintree and Uttlesford
Cc: Licensing Applications Essex
Subject: RE: Application Received - Variation of Premises Licence Queen Victoria Stortford road

Dear Vicky

We have received your representation to the variation application and would like to clarify some points which have been incorrectly stated in your letter of representation.

Mr Fazlul Bari Choudhury is the premises licence holder and the owner of this business and he runs this family business with his son, Hadayouth Ahmed Choudhury.

There have been previous visits by immigration and a hearing on Thursday 25th July 2019 whereby a premises licence was granted with conditions to satisfy ongoing concerns regarding the promotion of the licensing objectives going forward. Since this grant, Mr Fazlul Choudhury has been complying with the required checks and conditions of the licence and running the business responsibly and honestly. This has, in effect drawn a line under the previous management of the restaurant and started afresh.

Mr Choudhury very much refutes the statement from Essex Police which says his intention is in no way honourable. He is an honourable man running a business during difficult and unprecedented economic times. Mr Ziaul Islam Chowdhury is the Nephew of Mr Fazlul Bari Choudhury and has nothing currently to do with the restaurant, - he is in fact working full time at the airport and is continuing with this employment. To say that this is a belligerent attempt to reinstate the business as it was, is completely incorrect and not accepted.

The application was NOT to give him ANY capacity to act as management or be involved with the running of the business; he is family and, during these unprecedented circumstances, would like to help merely work in the business to assist the family when they are going through difficulties. The application was to:

1. Remove condition 5 Annexe 3 of the premises licence – namely; Mr Ziaul Islam Choudhury and Mr Omar Shorif will be excluded from any involvement in the ownership and management of the business and from the premises themselves.
2. Add conditions to the premises licence – namely;
 - (i) **Mr Ziaul Islam Choudhury and Mr Omar Shorif will be excluded from any involvement in the ownership and management of the business and;**
 - (ii) Mr Omar Shorif will be excluded from the premises.

(still excluded from management and ownership – just now to be allowed on the premises)

This clearly shows that the management structure is not as Essex Police infers and Mr Ziaul Islam Chowdhury will NOT be taking a more overt management role. He is just asking to be allowed to be on the premises.

All businesses are severely struggling in this current climate and this is no exception, but to keep the operation running, is a family priority. If this condition change were to be time limited, to say 12 months, in order to help this business work through this austere period, the applicant is happy to accept this amendment and revert to the previous licence after the time limitation.

Once you have read this response, we would very much welcome a call to discuss this matter and if we are able to come to an agreement to let this local business continue to exist and thrive in the future and not be another victim of the coronavirus, that can surely only be a good thing.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

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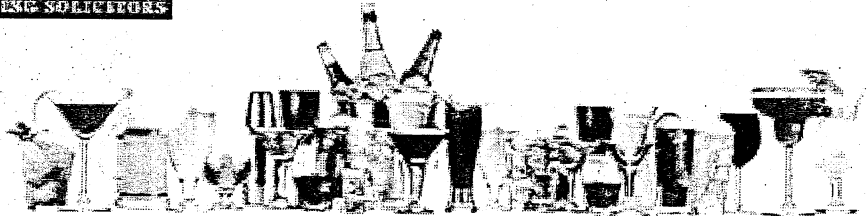
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