

**Representation from Emma Eltringham**

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**To:** Rebecca L Sparrow <[RebeccaSparrow@Gateshead.Gov.UK](mailto:RebeccaSparrow@Gateshead.Gov.UK)>

**Subject:** RE: Licensing Review for the property 168-170 Sheriff Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD

Dear Rebecca,

Apologies but I thought my previous e-mail was making representations on behalf of the current owner. Thank you for confirming that the current owner has no history of under age selling, which backs up my observations over the years. That given, I must again stress again how incendiary it is to state, in these times, that a muslim man is being investigated to 'Protect children from harm'. This really is inflammatory and there was no need to put such language on a poster outside that person's shop.

I do not wish to attend the sub committee but I would like my previous observations noted.

Thank you in advance

Yours sincerely

Emma Eltringham

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**From:** [Rebecca L Sparrow](#)

**Sent:** 18 July 2022 13:54

**(Email address redacted)**

**Cc:** [CE Licensing](#)

**Subject:** FW: Licensing Review for the property 168-170 Sheriff Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD

Dear Emma

Thank you for your email.

I've attached a copy of the review application for your information. The application itself contains more information than what can be detailed on any notice.

The protection of children from harm is one of the four licensing objectives that are outlined in the Licensing Act 2003. The other objectives are:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder
2. Public safety
3. Prevention of public nuisance.

All applications and representations on applications must relate to how one or more of those objective are impacted. This is why along with the prevention of crime and disorder it is mentioned on the review notice and application.

Would you like to make a representation on the application? If you would like to make a representation you would need to do so no later than 20 July 2022. All relevant representations are included in a public report and you would be invited to (if you wished to) attend the Licensing Sub-Committee that will determine the application. All representations must be received in writing via paper or email. You can find more information about the process at the following webpage: [Current licensing applications - Gateshead Council](#)

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Rebecca Sparrow  
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**Sent:** 17 July 2022 23:09

**To:** CE Licensing <[Licensing@Gateshead.Gov.UK](mailto:Licensing@Gateshead.Gov.UK)>

**Subject:** Licensing Review for the property 168-170 Sheriff Highway, Gateshead, NE9 5SD

I noticed the license review posted outside of the above mentioned shop and as a long time customer (over 10 years) I would like to make the following observations:-

1. I have personally seen the current proprietor request ID and refuse service to many people who appear underage on many occasions. The notice states that the licence is being reviewed for 'The protection of children from harm', which I believe is unfounded given the history of the establishment through all it's various owners in the past 10 years. I've also noticed that the current proprietor refuses to sell alcohol to anyone that he believes is incapable due to drink/drugs. If the selling to children was a common occurrence then this review application would have a point, but for only one instance being sighted, I believe even including those words on the notice is both unnecessary and possibly dangerous given the current obsession of the right wing with muslim men and young women.
2. When I spoke to the previous owner he advised me that without a drinks license he would not be able to continue. I understand that the current owner has attempted to diversify the shop however from my own experience when visiting the shop, usually 3 times a week, I believe that alcoholic sales still add up to a substantial amount of daily takings. I was under the impression that it is Gateshead MBC policy to promote local businesses not push people to use Supermarkets by causing the closure of more local community stores.

As a final sentence I would just re-iterate that after reading this notice justifying a review and providing only one instance of rule breaking seems more like overreach to me, surely a fine would have been the best way forward.

If you require any further information from me please let me know.

Yours faithfully

Emma Eltringham

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