

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Tuesday 30 June 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

Venue:- Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street,
Rotherham. S60 2TH

Membership:- Councillors Hughes (Chair), Ball and Monk.

The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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AGENDA

- 1. To determine whether the following items should be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) of the Local Government Act 1972**
- 2. To determine any item(s) which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency**
- 3. Consideration of an application (made in accordance with s.51 of the Licensing Act 2003) for the review of the Premises Licence issued to AKMS Retail Ltd in respect of the premises known as Today's situated at Unit 4, Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3QY. (Pages 3 - 44)**



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Chief Executive.**

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Hearing Procedure - Review

1. The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will introduce the Committee and then ask all persons in attendance at the hearing to introduce themselves.
2. The Licensing Officer will introduce the report and provide any updates.
 - i. Questions **solely concerning the report** can be asked by Members, the applicant, persons making representations and the licence holder.
3. The Chairperson of the Licensing Sub Committee will then invite:
 - a. **the applicant (the Licensing Authority)** to present their application and call any witnesses.
 - b. **any person who has made representations** to present their representations and call any witnesses.
 - c. **the licence holder** to respond to the application, and representations, and call any witness.

Questions - Members of the Sub Committee, followed by the applicant, any person who has made representations, and the licence holder may ask questions of all person's listed in 4 above and any person who have given evidence on their behalf as a witness.
4. **The applicant (the Licensing Authority) will then be given the opportunity to sum** up the application.
5. **The licence holder will then be given the opportunity to sum up**
6. The public hearing will then be concluded, and the Sub Committee will go into closed session, together with the Councils Solicitor and the Clerk to the meeting.
7. The decision of the Licensing Committee will be given in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and regulations made thereunder.

Note:

- At any time throughout the hearing Members of the Licensing Sub Committee may request legal advice from the Council's Solicitor. Any advice sought during closed session will be included in the notice setting out the decision.
- The Committee Hearing will be held in public unless and in accordance with relevant Regulations the Licensing Sub Committee determine that the public should be excluded.

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Licensing Sub-Committee - 30th July 2026 at 14:30 hours (2.30pm)

Report Title

Consideration of an application (made in accordance with s.51 of the Licensing Act 2003) for the review of the Premises Licence issued to AKMS Retail Ltd in respect of the premises known as Today's situated at Unit 4, Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3QY.

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Report Summary

On the 6th May 2026 an application was made on behalf of the Licensing Authority for the review of the Premises Licence issued to AKMS Retail Ltd in respect of the premises known as Today's situated at Unit 4, Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham, S61 3QY.

The application seeks the revocation of the Premises Licence.

Representations in support of the application, and the recommendation that the Premises Licence is revoked, have been received from Public Health, South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership, and one Other Person.

Further details on the application and the representations to it can be found within the body of this report.

Recommendations

1. That the Licensing Sub-Committee considers the information contained within this report (and associated appendices) along with any additional information presented at the hearing and subsequently determines the application that has been made.
2. The Licensing Sub-Committee should inform the Licensing Manager of the decision in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and Regulations made thereunder.

List of Appendices Included

- Appendix 1 Premises Licence (P1205)
- Appendix 2 Location Plan
- Appendix 3 Application under consideration
- Appendix 4 Representations in support of the Review Application.

Background Papers

Rotherham MBC Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 -2030
(Available at www.rotherham.gov.uk/licensing)

Revised guidance issued under sec. 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, November 2025
(Available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>)

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1. Background

- 1.1 The premises were first licensed by the Council under the Licensing Act 2003 in March 2025. The Licence was granted by the Licensing Sub Committee as the application for the grant of a Licence was subject to representations.
- 1.2 A copy of the Premises Licence issued in respect of the premises is attached at **Appendix 1**. This Licence authorises the sale of alcohol, for consumption off the premises, on every day of the week between 6am and 11pm.
- 1.3 The opening hours of the premises, as stated on the Premises Licence, are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 1.4 The Premises is subject to the mandatory licensing conditions and the offered conditions set out in Annex 1 and 2 of the Premises Licence (see Appendix 1).

Location of the Premises

- 1.5 A plan showing the location of the premises is attached at **Appendix 2**.

2. Key Issues

The application

- 2.1 On 6th May 2026 an application was made by the Licensing Authority to review the Premises Licence issued AKMS Retail Ltd in respect of the premises known as Today's situated at Unit 4, Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham, S61 3QY. A copy of this application is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 2.2 The application seeks the revocation of the Premises Licence on the grounds that the Licence holder has failed to promote the licensing objectives of:
 - prevention of crime and disorder; and
 - protection of children from harm.
- 2.3 A copy of the application was served on AKMS Retail Ltd, the Company that holds the Licence, by post and by email on the 6th May 2026. In addition, on the same date, a copy of the review application was hand delivered to the premises.

Consultation

- 2.4 Consultation on the application has been carried out on the application in accordance with all statutory requirements and the Council's procedure. There is a prescribed period of 28 days following the submission of an application during which time representations in relation to the application may be submitted.

- 2.5 At the end of the prescribed period, representations in support of the review application, and the recommendation that the Licence is revoked, have been received from three Responsible Authorities, namely Public Health, South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership, and one Other Person.
- 2.6 The applicant, Licence Holder, Responsible Authorities and Other Person have been invited to the hearing today. All parties attending, will be given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee in relation to the matters raised in the application and the representations to it.
- 2.7 The Licence holder has been informed that unless there is good reason not to, the Sub- Committee, may decide to consider the application in their absence.
- 2.8 Members of the Sub-Committee should give full consideration of the issues raised in the application and the representations, the Licence holder's response to the application and representations, together any supporting evidence provided by any party prior to the date of the hearing. Documentary evidence provided on the day of the hearing should only be considered with the consent of all parties.

Representation from the Responsible Authorities and Other Person

- 2.9 Representations in support of the review application have been submitted by Public Health, South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership and one Other Person. A copy of the representations, which all support the recommendation that the Premises Licence is revoked, are attached at **Appendix 4**.

Additional information provided by the parties to the hearing

- 2.10 At the time of writing no additional information had been provided by the Licensing Authority (applicant), licence holder or any of the other parties to the hearing.
- 2.11 Any additional information supplied prior to the hearing date will be circulated to the Sub Committee and all relevant parties. Additional information supplied on the day of the hearing may only be considered by the Sub Committee with the consent of all parties.

3. Options available to the Licensing Sub-Committee

- 3.1 A Licensing Authority must carry out its functions under the Licensing Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:
- the prevention of crime and disorder
 - public safety

- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

3.2 In considering this matter, the Sub Committee should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, together with any representations made by the Licence holder. In reaching the decision, regard must also be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council's licensing policy statement.

3.3 In relation to this application, the options available to the Committee are to:

- modify the conditions of the premises licence (which includes adding new conditions or any alteration or omission of an existing condition);
- exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- remove the designated premises supervisor;
- suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- revoke the licence.

3.4 The Sub Committee may decide that the review does not require it to take any further steps appropriate to promoting the licensing objectives. In addition, there is nothing to prevent the Sub Committee from issuing an informal warning to the Licence holder and/or to recommend improvement within a particular period of time. Such informal warnings are regarded as an important mechanism for ensuring that the licensing objectives are effectively promoted, and any such warnings should be issued in writing to the Licence holder.

3.5 However, where responsible authorities such as the Police or Environmental Health Officers have already issued warnings requiring improvement – either orally or in writing – that have failed as part of their own stepped approach to address concerns, the Sub Committee should not merely repeat that approach and should take this into account when considering what further action is appropriate. Similarly, Sub Committee may take into account any civil immigration penalties which a licence holder has been required to pay for employing an illegal worker.

3.6 In deciding which of these powers to invoke, it is expected that Sub Committee should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. The remedial action taken should generally be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review.

3.7 For example, the Sub Committee should be alive to the possibility that the removal and replacement of the designated premises supervisor may be sufficient to remedy a problem where the cause of the identified problem directly relates to poor management decisions made by that individual.

- 3.8 Equally, it may emerge that poor management is a direct reflection of poor company practice or policy, and the mere removal of the designated premises supervisor may be an inadequate response to the problems presented. Indeed, where subsequent review hearings are generated by representations, it should be rare merely to remove a succession of designated premises supervisors as this would be a clear indication of deeper problems that impact upon the licensing objectives.
- 3.9 The Sub Committee should also note that modifications of conditions and exclusions of authorised activities may be imposed either permanently or for a temporary period of up to three months. Temporary changes or suspension of the Licence for up to three months could have a financial impact and would only be expected to be pursued as an appropriate means of promoting the licensing objectives or preventing illegal working. So, for instance, a Licence could be suspended for a weekend as a means of deterring the holder from allowing the problems that gave rise to the review to happen again. However, it will always be important that any detrimental financial impact that may result from the Sub Committees decision is appropriate and proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives and for the prevention of illegal working. But where premises are found to be trading irresponsibly, the licensing authority should not hesitate, where appropriate to do so, to take tough action to tackle the problems at the premises and, where other measures are deemed insufficient, to revoke the certificate.
- 3.10 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application. The Sub Committees determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.
- 3.11 It is important that the Sub Committee give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.

4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 4.1 Any decision made by the Licensing Sub-Committee does not have effect until:
- the end of the period given for appealing against the decision; or
 - if the decision is appealed, until the appeal is disposed of.
- 4.2 An appeal may be lodged by either the applicant, Licence holder or a party to the hearing that has made a relevant representation.

- 4.3 Parties to the hearing must be informed of the decision within 5 working days of the hearing (or within 5 working days from the last day of the hearing if it takes place over multiple days).

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this application. However, additional costs may be incurred should the matter go to appeal. In such an eventuality it may not be possible to recover all of the costs incurred. The impact of these additional costs (if any) will therefore need to be met from within existing revenue budgets.

6. Legal Advice and Implications

- 6.1 A Council Solicitor will be in attendance at the hearing to provide appropriate legal advice to the Licensing Sub-Committee in relation to specific aspects of the application / hearing, however the advice below is generally applicable to all applications.
- 6.2 Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 operate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 (as amended).
- 6.3 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.
- 6.4 The Sub Committee may accept hearsay evidence and it will be a matter for the Licensing Sub-Committee to attach what weight to it that they consider appropriate. Hearsay evidence is evidence of something that a witness neither saw nor heard but has heard or read about.
- 6.5 The Secretary of State's guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act. It also provides information to magistrates' courts hearing appeals against licensing decisions and has been made widely available for the benefit of those who run licensed premises, their legal advisers and the general public. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment, and proportionality.
- 6.6 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set

of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.

- 6.7 In addition to the above, members are reminded that all decisions must be taken in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (adopted 3rd June 2020).
- 6.8 Departure from the guidance and / or Statement of Licensing Policy could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

7. Risks and Mitigation

- 7.1 The statutory requirements in relation to the consideration of this application are detailed in this report. It is essential that the Sub-Committee act in accordance with these statutory provisions and take account of statutory guidance.
- 7.2 Failure to do this exposes the Council to significant risk of legal challenge, the consequences of which could result in financial and / or reputational damage to the Council.
- 7.3 Members are therefore urged to fully consider the information in this report when making a decision regarding this application, and to ensure that any decision made is justifiable, proportionate, and based on the promotion of one or more of the Licensing Objectives.
- 7.4 Council officers are present at the meeting today and can provide additional advice to members of the Sub-Committee should this be required. In addition, a copy of the statutory guidance and Statement of Licensing Policy is available for members to review should they wish to do so.

8. Accountable Officer(s)

Diane Kraus, Principal Licensing Officer, Policy & Administration

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Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence

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Part 1 - Premises Details

POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES, OR IF NONE, ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE OR DESCRIPTION

Today's

Unit 4 ,Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S61 3QY.

WHERE THE LICENCE IS TIME LIMITED THE DATES

Not applicable

LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES AUTHORISED BY THE LICENCE

- the sale by retail of alcohol

THE TIMES THE LICENCE AUTHORISES THE CARRYING OUT OF LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity (and Area if applicable)	Description	Time From	Time To
The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only	Monday to Sunday	6:00am	11:00pm

THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

Description	Time From	Time To
Monday to Sunday	Midnight	11:59pm

WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only

Part 2

NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL (WHERE RELEVANT) OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

AKMS Retail Ltd 80 White Lion Road, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9JS.

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

AKMS Retail Ltd 15003449

NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Akmeemana Madduma Acharige Chaminda SILVA ----ADDRESS REDACTED----

PERSONAL LICENCE NUMBER AND ISSUING AUTHORITY OF PERSONAL LICENCE HELD BY DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Licence No. RM3416 Issued by Rotherham



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Mandatory Conditions
All Premises Licence authorising supply of alcohol

The licence is granted subject to the Mandatory conditions for sale of alcohol as set out in the Licensing Act 2003 as amended by the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) Order 2010 and Order 2014.

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the Premises Licence -
 - (a) At a time when there is no Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence; or
 - (b) At a time when the Designated Premises Supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the Premises Licence must be made, or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.
3. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.
 - (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
 - a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to -
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the



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vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

4. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

5.
 - (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licences must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
 - (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either:-
 - (a) a holographic mark or
 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.

6. The responsible person shall ensure that -
 - (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures -
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and
 - (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
 - (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

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1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1 -
 - (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979
 - (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula -
$$P = D + (D \times V)$$
Where -
 - (i) P is the permitted price
 - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
 - (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
 - (i) The holder of the premises licence
 - (ii) The designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) The personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
 - (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
 - (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from the paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.



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(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

If the Premises Licence has conditions in respect of Door Supervision [except theatres, cinemas, bingo halls and casinos]

1. Where a premises licence includes a condition that at specified times one or more individuals must be at the premises to carry out a security activity, each such individual must:
 - (a) be authorised to carry out that activity by a licence granted under the Private Security Industry Act 2001; or
 - (b) be entitled to carry out that activity by virtue of section 4 of the Act.
2. But nothing in subsection (1) requires such a condition to be imposed:
 - (a) in respect of premises within paragraph 8(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (c12) (premises with premises licences authorising plays or films); or
 - (b) in respect of premises in relation to:
 - (i) any occasion mentioned in paragraph 8(3)(b) or (c) of that Schedule (premises being used exclusively by club with club premises certificate, under a temporary event notice authorising plays or films or under a gaming licence), or
 - (ii) any occasion within paragraph 8(3)(d) of that Schedule (occasions prescribed by regulations under that Act).
3. For the purposes of this section:
 - (a) "security activity" means an activity to which paragraph 2(1)(a) of that Schedule applies, and, which is licensable conduct for the purposes of that Act, (see Section 3(2) of that Act) and
 - (b) paragraph 8(5) of that Schedule (interpretation of references to an occasion) applies as it applies in relation to paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

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Annex 2**Conditions consistent with operating schedule**

- a) A CCTV camera system capable of providing good quality images in all lighting conditions shall be in use with point of sale covered. Images will be retained for a period of at least 28 days and be made available with the minimum of delay and at least within 48 hours to the Police and other Authorised Persons upon reasonable request for evidential purposes, in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation (currently GDPR 2018).
- b) The CCTV recording equipment shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the premises licence holder (PLH) and/or another named responsible individual.
- c) There shall be sufficient members of trained staff available to be able to download or view CCTV evidence with the minimum of delay and at least within 48 hours at the reasonable request of an authorised officer.
- d) All staff selling alcohol will be authorised to sell alcohol in writing and a record of the authorisation will be made available for inspection with minimum delay and at least within 48 hours.
- e) Spirits will be kept behind the counter.
- f) Any incidents of crime and disorder at or immediately outside the premises, witnessed by staff, will be recorded in an incident book kept at the shop. This book will be made available for inspection by the Police and other Authorised Persons upon request.
- g) The shop shall operate an alcohol refusals policy as follows - alcohol will not be sold to any person.
- i. recognised or identified as a street drinker (regardless of their level of inebriation at the time);
 - ii. found to be drinking alcohol in the street;
 - iii. who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
 - iv. suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;
 - v. unable to provide valid ID when requested by staff;
 - vi. who is verbally or physically abusive towards staff or customers.
 - vii. suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person(s) who may be under age.
- h) A notice advising customers of the refusals policy shall be on display.
- i) A notice(s) shall be on display telling customers not to drink alcohol in the street.
- j) The PLH and/or the DPS will seek regular contact with the Police and other parties as

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appropriate to receive updates on any relevant issues in connection with the promotion of the licensing objectives.

k) A 'Crimestoppers' notice will on display to promote the initiative;

l) The premises shall comply with the Portman Group code of practice on rules for the naming, packaging and promotion of alcoholic drinks.

m) Notice(s) will be displayed asking customers to leave the shop quietly;

n) Notice(s) will be displayed asking customers not to drop any litter on the floor.

o) Staff will monitor the area immediately outside the shop on a regular basis to check for, and dispose of, any litter.

p) Deliveries to and from the shop will be conducted to ensure no public nuisance is caused.

q) Challenge 25 shall be used. Alcohol will only be sold to people who can satisfy or prove to the seller that they are 18 years old or over. The only acceptable form of ID will be a passport, photo driving licence, a PASS accredited proof of age card, or other form of photo ID as recommended by Trading Standards.

r) The premises shall display clear and prominent signage advising customers that a Challenge 25 policy is in operation.

s) An automatic till prompt system shall be used to assist staff carrying out age verification.

t) An alcohol refusals register will be kept and maintained. The register will include details of the date of the refusal, the time, and the reason(s) for refusing the sale. It will be checked on a regular basis by the DPS and be made available for inspection by responsible authorities as soon as reasonably practicable and at least within 48 hours.

u) A notice(s) shall be displayed in the premises where they can be seen clearly to advise customers that it is unlawful for persons under 18 to purchase alcohol or for any persons to purchase alcohol on behalf of a person under 18 years of age.

v) A due diligence checklist will be used to help prevent underage sales.

w) All staff to be trained prior to serving alcohol and other age restricted products. The training will cover matters such as preventing underage sales, proxy sales, and refusing service.

x) Staff training will be refreshed every 12 months, records will be kept and be made available to responsible authorities upon request.

Appendix 1

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a) No singular alcoholic drinks of beer, lager and cider, in cans or bottles of 500ml or below, will be sold

Appeal made against terminal hour

Consent order agreed by Sheffield Magistrates Court on 15th July 2025 for the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol to be increased form 22.00pm to 23.00pm daily.

Appeal withdrawn.

Annex 4 Plans Jan 2025

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Premises Licence Summary P1205

Premises Details

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THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PREMISES

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WHERE THE LICENCE AUTHORISES SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL WHETHER THESE ARE ON AND / OR OFF SUPPLIES

- The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption OFF the premises only

NAME, (REGISTERED) ADDRESS OF HOLDER OF PREMISES LICENCE

AKMS Retail Ltd

80 White Lion Road, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9JS.

REGISTERED NUMBER OF HOLDER, FOR EXAMPLE COMPANY NUMBER, CHARITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)

AKMS Retail Ltd

15003449

NAME OF DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR WHERE THE PREMISES LICENCE AUTHORISES THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Akmeemana Madduma Acharige Chaminda SILVA

STATE WHETHER ACCESS TO THE PREMISES BY CHILDREN IS RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED

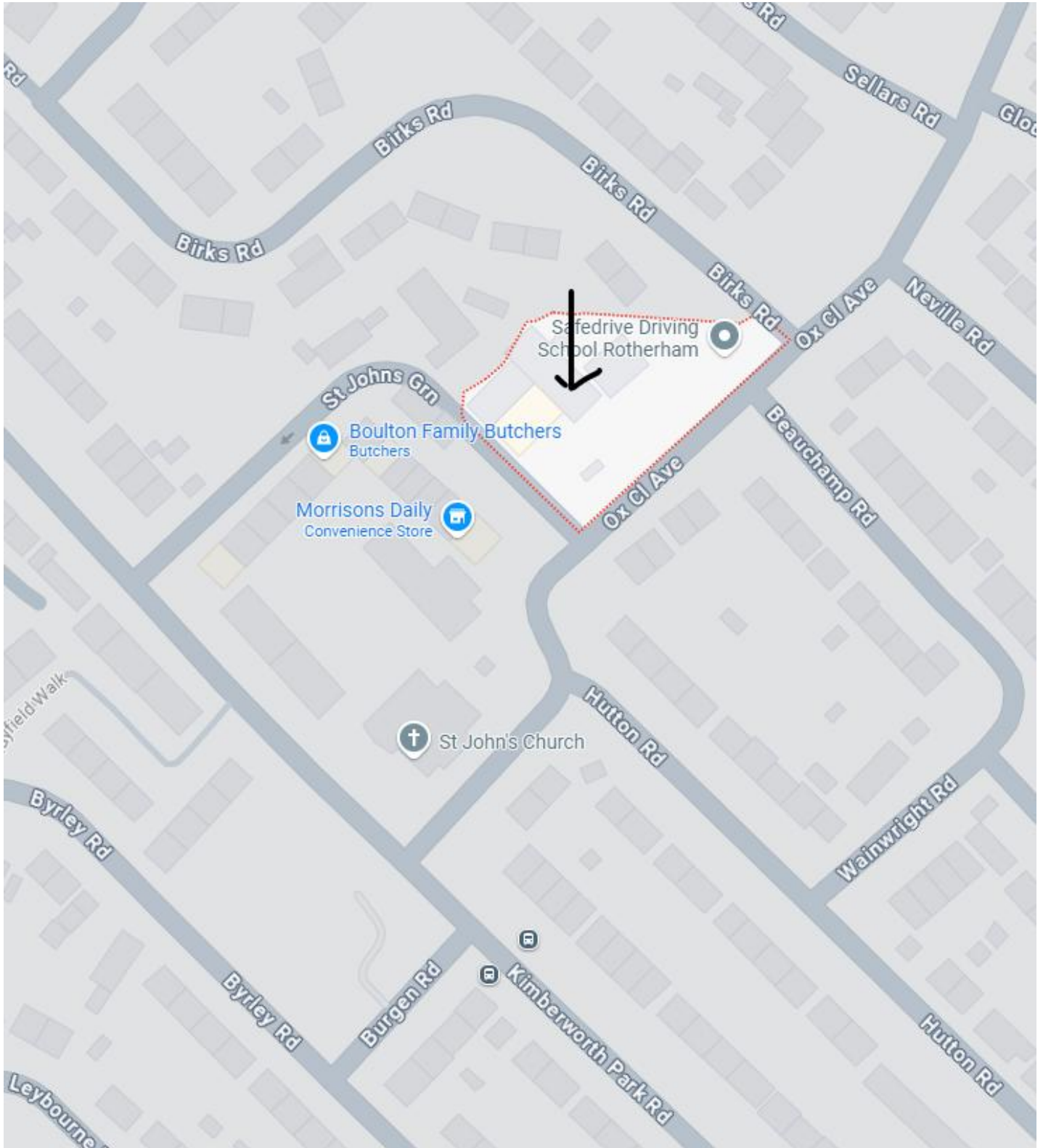
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APPENDIX 2

Location Plan

Unit 4 Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3QY



APPENDIX 2

Aerial View

Unit 4 Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3QY



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Street View

Unit 4 Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3QY



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**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the
Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Alan Pogorzelec, Licensing Manager, on behalf of the Licensing Authority

(Insert name of applicant)

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in
Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

**Today's
Unit 4 ,Ox Close Avenue
Kimberworth Park**

**Post town
Rotherham**

**Post code (if known)
S61 3QY**

**Name of premises licence holder [REDACTED]
AKMS Retail Ltd**

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

Premises Licence No: P1205

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not responsible
authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A)
or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

✓

3) a member of the club to which this application relates
(please complete (A) below)

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(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

Please tick ✓ yes

I am 18 years old or over.

**Current postal
address if different from
premises address**

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address

Alan Pogorzelec

Licensing Manager

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council LICENSING AUTHORITY

Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham S60 1AE

Telephone number **01709 254955**

E-mail address (optional) alan.pogorzelec@rotherham.gov.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

1) the prevention of crime and disorder

✓

2) public safety

3) the prevention of public nuisance

4) the protection of children from harm

✓

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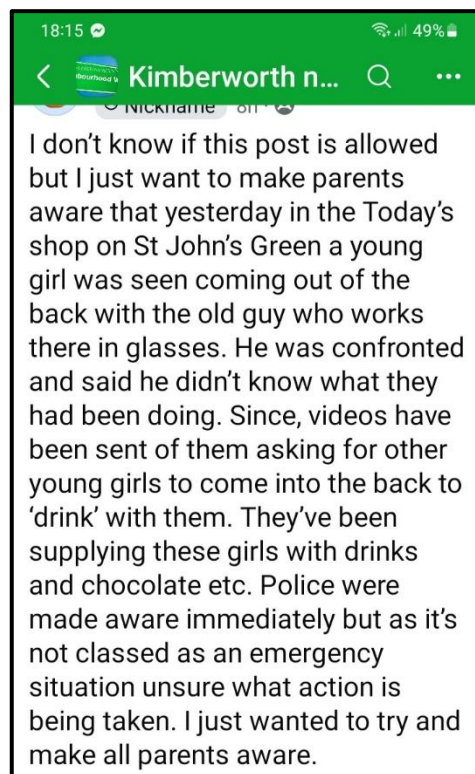
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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

This review is brought on due to the failure of the Company that holds the licence, AKMS Retail Ltd, to promote the following licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder; and
- The protection of children from harm

On Sunday 26th April 2026, the Licensing Team were made aware, via a local councillor, of the following post on the Kimberworth Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Group:



The Licensing Office immediately contacted the Police to ensure that they were aware of the allegations and at the same time provided guidance as to how any Police investigation could link into the licensing process.

Confirmation that the Police were aware on the allegations, and that an investigation was in process, was received on 28th April 2026. As this investigation is "live" no further detail can be provided in this respect.

On 29th April 2026 the Licensing Office received clearance from the Police to conduct a Licensing compliance inspection of the premises. Clearance had been requested so that the Licensing Office could be confident that a compliance inspection would not adversely affect the Police investigation.

On 30th April 2026 Council Licensing Enforcement Officers, accompanied by the Police Licensing Officer, made an unannounced visit to the premises, the purpose of which was to carry out a full licensing compliance inspection.

Full detail of this inspection is set out on page 5 of this application; however, the conclusion of the inspection is that the Licensing Authority is satisfied that the Licence holder, AKMS Retail Ltd, is failing in their duty to promote the Licensing Objectives of the

- prevention of crime and disorder; and
- protection of children from harm

These failures, which specifically relate to staff recruitment, training and supervision, have led to serious allegations of inappropriate behaviour of an employee with a child.

Given the above, the Licensing Authority is seeking a review of the Premises Licence, with the recommendation that the Premises Licence is revoked.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Background

The Premises Licence in respect of the premises is held by a company, AKMS Retail Ltd. This Company has a single director Mr Arumugam KALAMOHAN, and their registered office address is 80 White Lion Road, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9JS.

The person named on the Licence as the DPS is Mr Akmeemana Madduma Acharige Chaminda SILVA, who, at the time of making the application, stated that he lived in Mexborough, Rotherham.

The Licence, which was granted by the Council's Licensing Sub Committee on 12th March 2025, authorises the sale of alcohol, for consumption off the premises, on every day of the week between 6am and 11pm.

The Licence was granted by the Sub Committee as it was subject to representations from two Responsible Authorities, namely the Licensing Authority and South Yorkshire Police, and Thirty one (31) "Other Persons".

The Licence is subject to the mandatory licence conditions and the offered management control conditions set out below:

a) A CCTV camera system capable of providing good quality images in all lighting conditions shall be in use with point of sale covered. Images will be retained for a period of at least 28 days and be made available with the minimum of delay and at least within 48 hours to the Police and other Authorised Persons upon reasonable request for evidential purposes, in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation (currently GDPR 2018).

b) The CCTV recording equipment shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the premises licence holder (PLH) and/or another named responsible individual.

c) There shall be sufficient members of trained staff available to be able to download or view CCTV evidence with the minimum of delay and at least within 48 hours at the reasonable request of an authorised officer.

d) All staff selling alcohol will be authorised to sell alcohol in writing and a record of the authorisation will be made available for inspection with minimum delay and at least within 48 hours.

e) Spirits will be kept behind the counter.

f) Any incidents of crime and disorder at or immediately outside the premises, witnessed by staff, will be recorded in an incident book kept at the shop. This book will be made available for inspection by the Police and other Authorised Persons upon request.

g) The shop shall operate an alcohol refusals policy as follows - alcohol will not be sold to any person;

- i. recognised or identified as a street drinker (regardless of their level of inebriation at the time);**
- ii. found to be drinking alcohol in the street;**
- iii. who is drunk or appears to be drunk;**
- iv. suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person who is drunk or appears to be drunk;**
- v. unable to provide valid ID when requested by staff;**
- vi. who is verbally or physically abusive towards staff or customers.**
- vii. suspected of trying to buy alcohol for another person(s) who may be under age.**

h) A notice advising customers of the refusals policy shall be on display.

i) A notice(s) shall be on display telling customers not to drink alcohol in the street.

j) The PLH and/or the DPS will seek regular contact with the Police and other parties as appropriate to receive updates on any relevant issues in connection with the promotion of the licensing objectives.

k) A 'Crimestoppers' notice will on display to promote the initiative;

l) The premises shall comply with the Portman Group code of practice on rules for the naming, packaging and promotion of alcoholic drinks.

m) Notice(s) will be displayed asking customers to leave the shop quietly;

n) Notice(s) will be displayed asking customers not to drop any litter on the floor.

o) Staff will monitor the area immediately outside the shop on a regular basis to check for, and dispose of, any litter.

p) Deliveries to and from the shop will be conducted to ensure no public nuisance is caused.

q) Challenge 25 shall be used. Alcohol will only be sold to people who can satisfy or prove to the seller that they are 18 years old or over. The only acceptable form of ID will be a passport, photo driving licence, a PASS accredited proof of age card, or other form of photo ID as recommended by Trading Standards.

r) The premises shall display clear and prominent signage advising customers that a Challenge 25 policy is in operation.

s) An automatic till prompt system shall be used to assist staff carrying out age verification.

t) An alcohol refusals register will be kept and maintained. The register will include details of the date of the refusal, the time, and the reason(s) for refusing the sale. It will be checked on a regular basis by the DPS and be made available for inspection by responsible authorities as soon as reasonably practicable and at least within 48 hours.

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u) A notice(s) shall be displayed in the premises where they can be seen clearly to advise customers that it is unlawful for persons under 18 to purchase alcohol or for any persons to purchase alcohol on behalf of a person under 18 years of age.

v) A due diligence checklist will be used to help prevent underage sales.

w) All staff to be trained prior to serving alcohol and other age restricted products. The training will cover matters such as preventing underage sales, proxy sales, and refusing service.

x) Staff training will be refreshed every 12 months; records will be kept and be made available to responsible authorities upon request.

z) No singular alcoholic drinks, including beer, lager and cider, in cans or bottles of 500ml or below, will be sold.

Licensing Compliance Inspection carried out on 30th April 2026

Council Licensing Enforcement Officers, Lisa Parkin and Oliver Ashton, accompanied by the Police Licensing Officer Jo Belton, made an unannounced visit to the shop on the morning of 30th April 2026. The purpose of this visit was to carry out a Licence compliance inspection.

Officer met Mr Cheran Kalamohan, who's said he was the son of the sole Director of the Company that holds the Licence. He was solo working in the shop at the time of the visit; and stated that he lived in London.

1. Conditions found to be in Compliance

- CCTV was operational and recording for 2 months
- Challenge 25 in operation and relevant posters displayed
- Spirits behind the counter
- Incident log was in place, but not bound (officers were shown paperwork that logged that a member of staff had recently been arrested)
- Refusals book in place (though only had 3 entries)
- Notice on display:
 - telling people not to drink in the street
 - Crimestoppers
 - asking people to leave quietly; and
 - warning of proxy sales
- Till prompt in place - Proxy sale poster - Deliveries made in daytime

2. Licence Breaches

- Single cans displayed in fridge and for sale in basket as "Reduced to clear £1 each
- Staff authorised to sell alcohol out of date
- No staff training records on site

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Officers viewed CCTV footage of a child entering the shop via the main front door, then entering the storeroom with a member of staff, who was solo working at the time. Approximately two minutes later the member of staff exits the storeroom in response to a customer entering the shop. The child follows the staff member out of the storeroom and exits the shop via the front door.

3. Information provided by Mr Cheran Kalamohan, during the visit:

- That the shop worker shown on the CCTV video footage:
 - commenced work at the shop in October 2025
 - was a full-time employee, but has since been sacked
 - is an alcoholic
 - lives in Derby
 - had keys to the premises and was allowed to sleep there when he had a late shift followed by an early morning shift
- That the DPS is also employed as a bus driver

4. Information requested by Officers that remains outstanding

- Detail of the “right to work” checks carried out for all employees, past and present
- Staff training records for all employees, past and present
- Employee shift patterns for the past 8 weeks

Officers were shown the store room, which has three further rooms leading from it. One had a bed and wardrobe in it, but there was no evidence that this room was currently in use. The second was a kitchen and the third a w/c and shower room.

Following the inspection Officers have viewed footage on the internet of what appears to be the back door to the premises being open and the people who filmed the footage (who may be children) refusing to enter the shop, stating *“they had to go home”*.

Please tick ✓

yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

NO

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Representations made to the application to the grant of a Premises Licence as set out below.

From: Alan Pogorzelec, Licensing Manager

Direct Line: 01709 254955

My Reference: ASP/1744/140225

Please ask for: Alan Pogorzelec

E.mail: licensing@rotherham.gov.uk

Your Reference:

Date: 14th February 2025

To: Diane Kraus - diane.kraus@rotherham.gov.uk

Copy to: Audrey Bailey - audrey.bailey@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Mrs Kraus,

Today's, Unit 4 Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham

I write with reference to the application for the grant of a Premises Licence relating to the above premises and to inform you that the Licensing Authority is not satisfied that the application, as submitted, adequately promotes the licensing objectives.

The Licensing Authority is opposed the grant of the application, as submitted, as it considers that it will undermine the following licensing objectives:

- Preventing Crime & Disorder; and
- Public Nuisance

Grounds

Public Health data, which excludes the Town Centre, specifies the density of alcohol licensed premises in the locality of the applicant premises as being "very low".

Despite this, the same data identifies instances of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related ambulance call outs as "high"; and alcohol flagged violence against the person "medium".

To expand, with regard to instances of:

- anti-social behaviour (ASB), it is the location of ASB incident that is recorded rather than home address of the victim/suspect;
- alcohol related ambulance call outs are based on a clinical judgement, and it is of the location of the callout that is recorded rather than home postcode of the patient; and

- alcohol flagged violence against the person means that in the opinion of the responding police officer alcohol has contributed to the offence, again it is of the location of incident rather than rather than home address of the victim/suspect that is recorded

This data supports that the applicant premises is in an area that is currently subject to alcohol related crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour.

The applicant premises are located amongst a group of small retail outlets, surrounded by residential housing. There are no 24-hour businesses operating in this locality. If the applicant is granted there is a likelihood that local resident will be subject to noise nuisance from traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, during the nighttime hours, and from people congregating in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

Whilst need is not a matter for the licensing process, the promotion of the licensing objectives is.

The grant of a licence that allows the 24-hour sale of alcohol and the all-night provision of late-night refreshment is likely to undermine the objectives of preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance.

Consideration of the withdrawal of this representation will be given if the application is amended so as to:

- seek the consent for the sale of alcohol between 08:00 hours and 23:00 hours;
- withdraw the request to provide late night refreshment; and
- offer the following additional management controls as a condition of any licence that is granted:
 - No singular alcoholic drinks of beer, lager & cider in cans or bottles (smaller than 500ml) shall be sold. A minimum purchase of 4 cans or bottles shall be required;
 - No beers, lager, or cider of 6.5% ABV and above shall be sold.

The additional management controls to deter street drinkers from purchasing alcohol given that public health data indicates that alcohol related ambulance call outs in the locality are high.

Given this, representations are made on behalf of the Licensing Authority that the application for the grant of a licence is refused.

I am prepared to expand upon these matters further during a hearing before the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee, but in the meantime please feel free to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan Pogorzelec
Licensing Manager

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Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate ✓
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected ✓

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date

6th May 2026

Capacity **Licensing Manager on behalf of the Licensing Authority**

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

**Alan Pogorzelec, Licensing Manger
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Riverside House
Main Street**

Post town

Rotherham

Post Code

S60 1AE

Telephone number (if any) **01709 254955**

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) alan.pogorzelec@rotherham.gov.uk

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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Appendix 4

Representations Received from Responsible Authorities

Public Health

Sent: 01 June 2026 09:14

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Title of premise - Today's - Unit 4 Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park

Application type – ~~New Application~~ / ~~Variation~~ / **Review**

Deadline for response – 3rd June 2026

Response email address – publichealthadmin@rotherham.gov.uk

Summary of Public Health Concern

Public Health have reviewed the evidence supplied by the Licensing Authority and support the recommendation to **revoke** the alcohol license held by AKMS Retail Ltd. The lack of staff training records, missing employment information and several license breaches show a complete disregard for the licensing objectives evidencing that the owners of this license should not be allowed to continue selling alcohol.

Our Public Health Data

Public Health data on this area shows 'very high' numbers of children aged 0-16, 'high' levels of local deprivation and 'medium' levels of looked after children (figures on attached scorecards). These local metrics combined demonstrate an enhanced level of vulnerable children in the area surrounding this premise. Additionally, alcohol admission episodes from this area are 'very high' despite the density of licensed premises in this area being 'very low'. Keeping premises open in this area who aren't promoting the licensing objectives has the potential to cause lots of alcohol harm.

Licensing Objectives Relevance

The license holder clearly fails to promote the licensing objectives and raises serious concern in respect to 'protecting children from harm'. The evidence presented by the Licensing Authority demonstrates a huge area of concern regarding children, particularly to young girls.

Recommendations to Partners

The issues associated with the ongoing police investigation and concerns around the alleged misconduct of staff towards children raise huge concern so I would expect that the RMBC children's safeguarding team and the police respond to this license review on this point, also supporting the view to revoke the license.

Public Health

Adult Care, Housing and Public Health Directorate

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scorecard

Postcode Search

Search

DN11 0EZ

DN11 5AP

DN11 5RG

MSOA Name

Rank

Score

Combined Risk

Kimberworth h Park

13

-0.98

High

A 'Combined Risk Score' has been calculated for each MSOA from a combination of weighted indicators based on 2011 MSOA boundaries. In addition to the overall weighted risk rank to the left, the cards below give the value, relative rank (compared to all Rotherham MSOA) and Z-Score for each indicator.

Although an MSOA may have higher risk score, this does not mean the MSOA is high risk in general, only that it is higher risk relative to the Rotherham average. Z-scores indicate how far the indicator deviates from the average; a score of 0 is the mean average, scores of 3 and Higher (or -3 and lower) indicate where a value is an outlier. 'Weighted Value' where shown indicates the relative level, when the weighted Z-Scores indicators across Rotherham are divided into Quartiles.

Indicator	Indicator Value	Indicator Rank	Risk Level
Admission Episodes for Alcohol Attributable Conditions (Narrow)	124.30	9	High
Admission Episodes for Alcohol Specific Conditions	20.70	7	Very High
Alcoholic Liver Disease Mortality Rate	0.00	20	Very Low
Stroke Emergency Admissions	116.70	11	High
Alcohol-related Ambulance Call Outs	194.00	14	Medium
IMD 2019 Score	37.38	9	High
Off licensed premises density	0.70	25	Low
On or both licenced premises density	0.42	33	Very Low
Children Aged 0-16	22.9%	7	Very High
Looked after children	7.30	15	Medium
NEET %	2.0%	14	Medium
Pupils not achieving grades 9-5 %	51.3%	15	Medium
ASB Count	141	13	Medium
Alcohol Flagged Violence Against the Person	17	Medium	

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South Yorkshire Police

Sent: 03 June 2026 07:50

To: Rotherham_Licensing <rotherham_licensing@southyorkshire.police.uk>

Representations in support of the application for Review of.

Today's Unit 4 ,Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham, S61 3QY

South Yorkshire Police fully support the review of the premises licence for Today's brought by Rotherham Borough Council. Premise licence No P1205

This review is brought on due to the failure of the company that hold the licence, AKMS Retail Ltd, to promote the following licencing objections

- The prevention of crime and disorder; and
- The protection of children from harm

In addition to the information laid out by the council it has brought to my attention that the shop is advertising the below which in no way supports the licencing objectives.



Jo Belton

Rotherham Licensing Enforcement Officer

South Yorkshire Police

Licensing Department

Rotherham District

Riverside House

Main Street S60 1AE

Jo.belton@southyorks.police.co.uk

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Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Sent: 02 June 2026 17:43

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

Subject: Review Application - Today's, Unit 4 , Ox Close Avenue, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3QY

I would support the position that the licence in respect of the above establishment is revoked due to evidential concern of children being permitted into the rear of the premises, and apparently being asked to enter the rear area of the premises on another occasion. There is inadequate evidence of training for staff which sits alongside these findings, this is despite a clear requirement to do so as part of the licence agreement.

These behaviours as evidenced are undermining the licensing objective of protecting children from harm.

Sent: 02 June 2026 17:46

To: Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

Following up on this I note the wording in the licence agreement specifies training for staff -

'All staff to be trained prior to serving alcohol and other age restricted products. The training will cover matters such as preventing underage sales, proxy sales, and refusing service.'

However this wording does not specify training in safeguarding. I wonder if this should be reviewed in terms of increasing awareness regarding appropriately behaviour and the key role that such shiops have in protecting children?

Lee Durrant

Service and Business Manager - Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Safeguarding, Quality and Learning

Children and Young People Service

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

1st Floor, Riverside House, Main Street, RotherhamS60 1AE

Lee Durrant Lee.Durrant@rotherham.gov.uk

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Representations Received from Other Persons

Other Person 1

Sent: 02 June 2026 17:50

To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>

I am a local resident living near Today's on Ox Close in Kimberworth Park. I regularly use the shop, as do my young daughters after school.

Since the community have become aware of the shop assistant being arrested for his inappropriate actions with young children, My 13 year old daughter told me about how he made her feel uncomfortable by staring at her, even when he was serving other customers. She also said that she felt he was following her around the shop on many occasions. At first, I thought it might have been because he was watching them to be sure they weren't shoplifting, but my girls are well behaved and never caused any trouble.

My 11-year-old daughter told me a man serving her grabbed her hands and pulled them towards him over the counter to put sweets into her hands. She told me she felt so confused by this and told me she didn't even like those sweets. My daughter thought it was the same man who has been arrested, because they look alike, but it wasn't the same man.

I haven't seen this man at the shop since.

Another time recently after they have employed another man at the shop, I went into the shop and was queueing behind 2 young females being served. The second man asked them for ID. They gave him their ID and he held onto them for far too long as though it was just to could keep them there for longer. He was asking strange questions that were out of place for an age check. It felt very strange and worrying to me.

Being local, I have also seen the shop selling alcohol to underage children on a regular basis. Me and my mum have seen young lads who are 15 leaving with crates of beer then handing them out to their friends outside the shop or on the green.

I don't think they should keep the licence.