



Immigration Enforcement

IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE

On behalf of the Secretary of State, Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) makes representations in support of the following application for the review of a premises licence, relating to the prevention of crime and disorder objective, including the prevention of illegal working and immigration crime in licensed premises.

IE wishes to make representations on an application for a review of a premises licence.

Details of Premises:			
Premises Licence Holder:			
Salih Maden			
Name and Address of Premises:			
The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road			
Post Town:	Romford	Post Code:	RM3 8HL

Representations are being made for the following reasons:

The Licensing Act 2003 outlines four objectives that are to be upheld, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) is concerned regarding the prevention of crime and disorder.

Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) considers that the premises licence holder: **Salih Maden** is not taking suitable measures to prevent crime and disorder. The business has employed illegal workers which is prohibited under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Immigration Act 1971 (as amended).

Employing illegal workers in the UK has the following impact on the community and society as a whole:

- It deprives HMRC and the Government of revenue by non-payment of tax and national insurance.
- It exploits the undocumented by paying them less than the minimum wage and provides no employment or income protection.
- It encourages those without permission to work to seek similar employment.
- It allows a business to unfairly undercut other businesses by employing cheap labour.
- Illegal workers are often housed in cramped and unsatisfactory conditions by the employer as part of their working arrangement.

On 26 February 2026, a Public Protection Officer from the London Borough of Havering visited the premises following an email received on 19 February 2026 from the licence holder, **SALIH MADEN**, in which he stated that he had operated the premises known as Drinks Seller from 2001 to 2025 and intended to now use his personal licence at a different premises.

During the visit, the Public Protection Officer encountered a lone worker. The individual stated that the previous licence holder, **SALIH MADEN**, was no longer operating the business. He was unable to provide the name of the new owner and, when asked to contact him, attempted to do so but received no answer.

The individual was instructed to cease selling alcohol and provided a contact number for the new owner. The number matched details held on Home Office systems for an individual named **GURMEET SINGH HAKIMZADA**, who was previously known to Immigration Enforcement for employment related breaches.

History of Non-compliance

On 22 February 2022, Immigration Officers from the West London ICE team conducted a visit to Anil Food and Wine located at 218 Horn Lane, Acton, London W3 6PL and identified one individual who was working illegally.

During the encounter, the worker stated that the owner was a man named **GURMEET SINGH** and provided a telephone number that matched the details already held on Home Office systems, as well as the mobile number provided by the worker at The Drinks Seller.

Following the visit on 22 February 2022, a Civil Penalty in the amount of £10,000 was issued to GS Enterprises UK Limited for employing an individual who did not have the legal right to work in the UK.

Home Office records also show that on 30 July 2016, a Civil Penalty of £20,000 was issued to GS Enterprises UK Limited in respect of employing two individuals who held no legal right to work in the UK. Both of these penalties remain unpaid.

GS Enterprises UK Limited (Company number 04539588)

GURMEET SINGH HAKIMZADA was listed on Companies House as the director between September 2002 until December 2023. These periods coincide with the two civil penalties for illegally employing persons who do not have a right to work in the UK.

Immigration Enforcement make this representation in full support of the application submitted by The London Borough of Havering for a summary review of The Drinks Seller. The premises licence holder, who is also the designated premises supervisor, has a legal responsibility to prevent crime and disorder, ensure lawful employment practices, and maintain proper control over the sale of alcohol.

The evidence outlined above demonstrates a clear non-compliance linked to individuals associated with the operation of the premises. The premises appears to be operating without a responsible licence holder present, and there is significant uncertainty regarding who is currently in control of the business.

Home Office records show that businesses linked to **GURMEET SINGH HAKIMZADA** have previously employed illegal workers and have been issued multiple civil penalties. This demonstrates a longstanding disregard for immigration law and the Licensing Act 2003.

These failings directly undermine the prevention of crime and disorder objective and raise concerns that the premises may again be involved in unlawful employment practices or operating without effective management control.

Given the findings outlined, the Home Office is of the view that the premises has failed to meet the basic legal standards required of a licensed business. The lack of identifiable management, failure to comply with licensing obligations, and clear links to individuals with a history of employing illegal workers present a serious risk to the licensing objectives.

The pattern of repeated non-compliance indicates that informal or lesser regulatory interventions are unlikely to secure future compliance. Therefore, the Home Office supports firm action at this review hearing, including consideration of revocation of the premises licence or any other measures deemed appropriate by the Licensing Sub-Committee to prevent further breaches and protect the public.

Details of Responsible Authority

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Signature of Responsible Authority

Home Office Immigration Enforcement

Date:

24 March 2026

Capacity:

**Responsible
Authority**