

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Trading Standards

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(Criminal Procedure Rules, Part 16; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9, Magistrates' Court Act 1980, s.5B)

Statement of: Linda Jane Cartwright
(Name of Witness)

Age of Witness: (if Over 18
over 18 enter "over
18")

Occupation of Witness: Fair Trading Officer

This statement (consisting of page each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 7th day of August, 2019 (Signed) Linda J Cartwright

I am employed by Northamptonshire County Council Trading Standards as a Fair Trading Officer. On the 2nd July 2019 I reviewed a licence application for The Gin Palce Rothwell, Bakehouse Mews, 19 Market Hill, Rothwell, NN14 1RL. The applicant was Lee THORN on behalf of Rothwell Leisure Limited. Section 18 of the application form which covers the Licensing Objectives was blank. Trading Standards are responsible for enforcing age restricted sales legislation. I wrote to Lee THORN on the 8th July 2019, I produce a copy of the letter as exhibit LJC/1. On the 9th July 2019 Lee THORN telephoned me to discuss my letter. During the conversation Lee THORN explained he was surprised to receive my letter as no other agency had questioned his application. He did not consider the application as a new application as it was a change of ownership. He also explained Rothwell is a small town and as he knows everyone he didn't think he needed to complete Section 18. Mr THORN went on to explain there is a doorman outside the premises and no one under 21 was allowed in the bar however children are allowed in the restaurant. I explained the purposes of Section 18 of the application is to ensure the premises have measures in place to prevent the sale of alcohol to children under the age of 18 and Trading Standards need confirmation of what the measures Mr THORN has in place to prove his due diligence procedures. I also asked Mr THORN what records he has if an inspector paid a visit and how would

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he prove he has measures in place to ensure alcohol is not sold to anyone under 18.

Lee THORN confirmed he would respond to my letter. On the 31st July 2019 I wrote to

Lee THORN, I produce a copy of the letter as exhibit LJC/2. To date I have not

received a response from Lee THORN. *Runda J Cartwright*



Northamptonshire County Council

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The Old Bakehouse
19 Market Hill
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Please ask for: Miss Linda Cartwright
Tel: 01604 362446
Our ref: C/351754
Your ref:
Date: 8 July 2019

Dear Mr Lee Thorn

Licensing Act 2003
The Old Bakehouse.Gin Palace

This Service has received a copy of your premises licence application in relation to the above premises. We are responsible for enforcing and regulating age restricted sales and therefore we review your application with this in mind.

Part M/Section 18 of this application asks you to describe the steps that you intend to take to promote the licensing objectives of:

- a) General
- b) The prevention of crime and disorder
- c) Public safety
- d) The prevention of public nuisance
- e) The protection of children from harm

In relation to point e) we consider the blank sections in your application to be insufficient with particular regard to the following areas:

- **Operation of an age verification scheme (e.g. Think 21/Think 25)**
 - Please note that this is a **mandatory condition** on your licence. This condition is intended to ensure that all licensed premises operate at a minimum standard of due diligence to ensure that they do not sell alcohol to minors. **Whilst a mandatory condition we still expect you to reference it in your application.**
- **Asking for proof of age and valid types of proof of age cards (PASS Cards)**
 - It is not an acceptable practice for you or your staff to only ask the purchaser how old they are.

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Further advice on trading standards and other regulations may be found on www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards or www.businesscompanion.info/en

Yours sincerely

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Further to our telephone conversation on the 9th July 2019 regarding the above, I have not received a reply concerning the licensing objective to protect children from harm.

Trading Standards require confirmation in writing confirming you will adopt procedures that meet the principles I listed in my letter of the 8th July 2019. You can email me at Licartwright@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Linda Cartwright
Fair Trading Officer