

Appendix 3

Mognies

Objection to premises licence transfer.

Lancashire Constabulary objects to the application to transfer the Premises Licence at Mognies Takeaway from Siraj PATEL to Savera PATEL on the basis that Siraj PATEL, who was convicted of 'Meet a female child under 16 following sexual grooming' and 'Had sexual activity with female child under 16' on 7th November 2014. On 18th November 2016 Siraj PATEL was convicted of these offences at Preston Crown Court and sentenced to 4 years in Prison and is now a registered sex offender and VISOR nominal. These offences were committed as a result of Siraj PATEL's ability to groom children at the premises of Mognies and then take the child in his Mognies delivery vehicle to secluded locations where the offences occurred in the delivery vehicle and whilst he was trading.

Lancashire Constabulary takes the view that by permitting the transfer of the Premises Licence, the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective would be undermined as this is an attempt to defeat an application for review of the Licence and would, if granted, allow the premises to continue to trade within the same family ownership as that which allowed the offence to occur. There is a serious risk that other children will be groomed/abused if the premises is permitted to remain open. All the staff are the same as when the offences occurred. On 27th June 2016 three illegal immigrants from Pakistan were found living above Mognies and working in the shop by Immigration and deported. At the time Siraj PATEL was abusive to Immigration staff throwing paperwork into their faces and showed little or no remorse or respect for any officials.

Lancashire Constabulary believe these are exceptional circumstances and therefore object to the transfer of the Premises Licence.