

**BOLTON COUNCIL**

**LICENSING ACT 2003**

Application for Review of a Premises Licence – Section 53a (1)(b)

NOTICE IS GIVE THAT  
an application has been made to Bolton Council for a  
REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE

in respect of the premises licence issued to  
**Sky One Market Ltd**  
For the premises trading as '**Balaton**'  
At **347 Halliwell Road, Bolton BL1 8DF**

**The grounds for the application for review are: The Prevention of Crime & Disorder**

Following intelligence received, on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, authorised officers from Bolton Council, GMP and a dog handler with dog visited the business known as Balaton, 347 Halliwell Rd, Bolton, BL1 8DF.

The male present at the premises was asked to empty his pockets and a key fob was discovered which had been emptied from his trouser pocket. Upon operating the fob, the officers detected movement at the top of a doorway which led from the back storeroom into the toilet area. The architrave descended and a concealment became apparent as it lowered further. The concealment was packed with illicit tobacco.

The sophistication of this concealment highlights how lucrative this illegal activity is, the clear criminal intention of the operators of these premises and the organised nature of this illegal activity.

Officers emptied the concealment and removed the tobacco. The concealment contained 7,280 sticks of cigarettes and 550 grams of hand rolling tobacco.

Officers scanned some of the tobacco found in the concealment into the till. The items did scan and a pack of 20 Richmond cigarettes for example scanned at £5.00 which is approximately half the normal retail price.

Other illicit items seized were vaping products which were found behind the till area and which did not comply with current legislation.

The tobacco products seized were not in plain packaging and some had foreign writing on them. As such it would have been very apparent to someone in the business of selling tobacco that the products were not legal for sale in the UK.

Any interested party or responsible authority **may make representations in writing** to the Assistant Director (Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services), Bolton Council, Licensing Team, Ground Floor, Bolton Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1RU

by  
**15 June 2022**

**Date of full hearing to be arranged**

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is £5000.