

Licensing Sub Committee
Tuesday 29 October 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Agenda Item 4.2

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – CORNER EXPRESS,
216 BETHNAL GREEN ROAD, LONDON, E2 0AA.

On Friday, 20th September, 2013, Mr Amran Ali, from the Council's health and safety team did an inspection at Corner Express, 216 Bethnal Green Road, London, E2 0AA.. Mr Ali saw two fridges in the shop containing alcohol. Mr Ali advised the owner of the shop, Mrs Suraiya Bhuiyan, that she wasn't allowed to sell alcohol until she had been granted a licence. He also advised her to either remove the alcohol from the public part of the shop, or to lock the fridges and put a sign on them stating that the alcohol wasn't for sale.

On Friday, 25th October, 2013, at 10.40am, I went to the shop. The shop was open for business. Inside the shop, opposite the counter, were two chiller cabinets. One had a single clear glass door and the other had two clear glass doors. Between them the cabinets contained bottles of beer, cider and wine, and cans of beer. The doors to both cabinets were unlocked. I took two bottles of "Kronenbourg 1664" beer from the cabinet with only one door. The labels on the bottles showed that the beer contained 5% alcohol by volume. I purchased them from the sales assistant in the shop for £5.

Mrs Suraiya Bhuiyan wasn't present at the time. Once the sub-committee has decided whether or not a premises licence will be granted, a decision will be made as to whether or not to prosecute Mrs Bhuiyan for allowing the sale of alcohol when a premises licence was not in force. Mrs Bhuiyan has been informed of this by e-mail.

Alexander Lisowski,
Licensing Officer,
28th October, 2013.