

MEDWAY COUNCIL

DECISION OF LICENSING HEARING PANEL

- Date of hearing:** Thursday 6 February 2025
- Premises:** Kent Quick Mart, 35 Knights Road, Hoo, Rochester, Kent ME3 9DT
- Panel:** Councillor McDonald (Chairperson)
Councillor Browne
Councillor Fearn
- In attendance:** Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Katie Honeywood, Licensing Officer
PC Carrie Knight, Kent Police
Venky Krishnan, Licensing and Litigation Lawyer (Via Teams)
PC Mark Squires, Kent Police

The Licensing Officer informed that Panel that an application had been received on 4 February 2025 for an expedited review for Kent Quick Mart, 35 Knights Road, Hoo, Rochester, Kent ME3 9DT due to the premises being associated with serious crime and disorder.

The Panel were informed that Kent Police had suggested the interim step of suspending the licence and the supporting certificate was attached at appendix B to the report.

The Licensing Officer explained that the current premises licence permits the off sales of alcohol between Monday to Sunday 06:00 to 24:00 and a copy of the current licence was attached at appendix C to the report.

The Panel considered further information from Kent Police regarding the incident in closed session.

With the exception of the Legal Representative and the Democratic Services Officer, all present left the room during the Panel's deliberations, returning to hear the Panel's decision.

Decision:

The Licensing Committee having heard written and oral representations from Kent Police, whom attended in person, and have determined that interim steps were required to immediately suspend the premises licence of Kent Quick Mart, 35 Knights Road, Hoo, Rochester, Kent ME3 9DT until the next full review hearing in March 2025, as there had been a failure to uphold the four licensing objectives.

The Designated Premises Supervisor was not in attendance and therefore provided no representations.

The Licensing Committee were also satisfied that the Notice Requirements in this urgent review hearing had been complied with.
