

MEDWAY COUNCIL
Responsible Authority
Objection Notice

Responsible Authority	Trading Standards
Name of Officer	Kelly Payne
Date of Representation	8 th July 2025

Name of Applicant	Charworth Ltd
Premises Name	Budgens Supermarket
Address of Premises	Pioneer Wharf, Chatham Waterfront, Kent, ME4 4HA

<p><u>Objective 4</u> The Protection of Children from Harm</p>	<p>Medway Trading Standards, as the responsible authority for enforcing the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 relating to the underage sale of alcohol, need to ensure that all steps are taken by a licenced premises to prevent under 18's being able to purchase alcohol. This includes as a minimum, carrying out suitable age checks, operating a Challenge 25 policy and promoting this on the premises, carrying out staff training in relation to underage sales and keeping a record of both this and any refusals to serve.</p> <p>I have attempted to contact the agent, working on behalf of the applicant, as point 10 of the application document appears to have been partially omitted and requires clarification. In addition, I recommend the following amendment to the operating schedule, which seeks to fortify the proposed training for staff; specifying 6-monthly intervals, rather than "at least every 12 months". It relates to the underage sale of alcohol, to promote the licensing objective 'The protection of children from harm'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff who may be responsible for selling alcohol will receive training on underage sales at the start of their employment, and thereafter at six-monthly intervals. It will be recorded when staff undergo this training, and these records will be made available to police and responsible authorities on request.</i> <p>In light of having received no response from the applicant/agent as indicated above, I have no option but to raise a representation against the application. However, should the applicant be agreeable to the proposed condition being included on the licence, I am happy to withdraw the representation.</p>
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