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Ref: Neil Cowlshaw

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Subject :

Objection to the application of a personal licence

I am writing to formally present Thames Valley Police's objection against the application by Neil COWLISHAW, DoB 13/12/1972, for a Personal Licence.

Mr Cowlshaw's application contains a disclosure of convictions which states that the applicant has a relevant, unspent conviction. Neil Cowlshaw has been convicted of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol, 7th November 2007. For this Mr Cowlshaw received a community order of 200 hrs unpaid work, disqualified from driving for 2 yrs (reduced to 6 months if course completed) and £60 costs. Therefore the conviction will remain unspent until 7th November 2012 (5 years). Also on the 25th February 2008 Mr Cowlshaw was found guilty of breach of community order resulting from original conviction of 07/11/07. the order was varied to unpaid work requirement of 215 hrs.

Under the 2003 Licensing Act 2003, one must refer to the legislation's guidance which states that 'the expectation will be to refuse the application.' Further, 'the secretary of state recommends that, where the Police have issued an objection notice, refusal of the application should be the normal course unless there are, in the opinion of the licensing authority, exceptional and compelling circumstances which justify granting the application.'¹

Due to the fact that Neil Cowlshaw's conviction will remain unspent for a further 2 years and 2 months, Thames Valley Police Licensing feel that an objection is the only appropriate course of action.

Laura Morris
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