



City of Westminster

# Licensing Sub-Committee Report

Item No:	
Licensing Ref No:	<b>14/09910/LIREVP</b>
Date:	<b>12 February 2015</b>
Classification:	<b>For General Release</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Top Look Food &amp; Wine 528 Harrow Road London W9 3QF</b>
Report of:	<b>Operational Director – Premises Management</b>
Policy context:	<b>City of Westminster Statement of Licensing Policy</b>
Financial summary:	<b>None</b>
Report Author:	<b>Sharon Bamborough Assistant Service Manager (Licensing)</b>
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## 1. APPLICATION DETAILS:

<b>Application Type:</b>	Review of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.		
<b>Applicant:</b>	The Licensing Authority	<b>Date Application Received:</b>	13 November 2014
<b>Premises Name and Address:</b>	Top Look Food & Wine 528 Harrow Road London W9 3QF	<b>Licensee:</b>	MR VEERASINGHAM & MR SARAVANI RAJARATNAM
<b>Ward:</b>	Harrow Road	<b>Stress Area:</b>	No
<b>Premises Description:</b>	The premise operates as a supermarket		
<b>GUIDANCE</b>	<p>Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Para 11.2) states that at any stage following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police or the Environmental Health Service, or any other person who can seek a review, may ask the Licensing Authority to review the premises licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives.</p> <p>As such, in accordance with section 52(2) of the above-mentioned Act, the Licensing Authority must hold a hearing to consider the application and any relevant representations.</p>		

## 1. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

- 1.1 An application submitted by the Licensing Authority for a review of the premises licence for Top Look Food & Wine, 528 Harrow Road, London, W9 3QF, was received on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder. **Please see Annex A1**
- 1.2 On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014, during an operation between customs and excise and trading standards, alcohol was seized from the premises when it became apparent that Excise Duty had not been paid on the goods. This is an offence under the S 170 of the Customs and Excise management Act 1979 and S144 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.3 The premises currently benefits from a premises licence that permits:

**Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit** Unrestricted

### **Sale by Retail of Alcohol (Off Sales)**

Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00  
Sunday 10:00 to 22:30

**Regulated entertainment** (recorded music and private entertainment): Unrestricted

### **The opening hours of the premises:**

Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 23:00  
Sunday 10:00 to 22:30

- 1.4 A copy of the existing Premises Licence (06/12298/WCCMAP) is attached at **Appendix A1 of the applicant's bundle (Annex A1)**

## 2. REPRESENTATIONS:

- 2.1 A local resident has written in support of the review application stating that there is considerable street drinking in the area leading to public nuisance and crime and disorder, and would support less establishments being licensed to sell it **Please refer to Annex B1**

## 3. LICENCEES SUBMISSIONS:

- 3.1 There have been no submissions from the licence holders.

## 4. OPTIONS:

- 4.1 The Authority must, having regard to the application and the representations, take such steps (if any), as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:

- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
- (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
- (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months;
- (e) to revoke the licence;

and for this purpose the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition added.

- 4.2 In accordance with section 52(6) of the 2003 Act, if the authority takes measures to modify conditions or exclude licensable activities from the licence, it may stipulate that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

- 6.3 The licensing authority's determination of this application does not have effect until the 21 day appeal period has expired or if the decision is appealed the date the appeal is determined and / or disposed of.

## 5. LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATIONS AND APPEAL HISTORY

- 5.1 Any applications and appeals under the Licensing Act 2003 are set out in Appendix C.

<b>List of Appendices:</b>	<p>Annex A – Application for Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix 1– Copy of current premises licence</li><li>• Appendix 2 – Witness Statement of Nicholas Parker (HMRC) with photos</li><li>• Appendix 3 – Witness statement of Maria Johnson (WCC)</li></ul> <p>Annex B – Local residential representation in support of review</p> <p>Annex C – Licence and Appeal History</p> <p>Annex D – Residential Map and list of premises in the vicinity</p> <p>Annex E – Photograph of premises</p>
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### Background Documents – Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972

- Licensing Act 2003
- City of Westminster Statement of Licensing Policy (7<sup>th</sup> January 2011)
- Amended Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (June 2013)



PREMISES MANAGEMENT  
LICENSING SERVICE

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## City of Westminster

### APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

Please forward one copy of your completed application and any supporting documentation to:

Licensing Service  
REVIEWS  
Westminster City Council  
Westminster City Hall  
14th Floor  
64 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1E 6QP

### AND

Please give one copy of your application and any supporting documentation to the Holder of the Premises Licence and each of the following responsible authorities on the same day that the application is served on the Licensing Service;

1. The Chief Officer of Police  
Westminster Police Liaison Team  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Westminster City Hall  
64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP
2. Fire Safety Regulation: South West Area 4  
169 Union Street London SE1 0LL
3. Premises Management (Environmental Health; Health & Safety; Weights and Measures)  
Westminster City Council  
Environmental Health Consultation Team  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Westminster City Hall  
64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

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4. Development Planning Services  
Westminster City Council  
64 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1E 6QP

5. Area Child Protection Committee  
Head of Commissioning – Child Protection & Quality, Social and Community  
Services – Children and Families  
4 Frampton Street  
NW8 8LF

6. Director of Public Health  
Inner North West London Primary Care Trusts  
(Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster)  
15 Marylebone Road, London  
NW1 5JD

**For boats only**

The Navigation Authority (for vessels not permanently moored)

Tidal Thames  
The Harbour Master  
The Port of London Authority, 7 Harp Lane, London EC3R 6LB

Non Tidal Thames  
The Environment Agency Recreation and Navigation, Thames Region, Kings  
Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading, RG1 8DQ

Canals  
The Leisure Manager  
British Waterways Board  
1 Sheldon Square, Paddington Central, London W2 6TT

And

The Surveyor General  
The Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Orpington Marine Office, Central Court, 1 Knoll  
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## Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.  
You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

### I The Licensing Authority – Premises Management

*(Insert name of applicant)*

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

#### Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Top Look Food and Wine, 528 Harrow Road	
Post town London	Post code (if known) W9 3QF

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Mr Veerasingam Arulanathan and Mr Saravani Rajaratnam

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)
06/12298/WCCMAP

#### Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other title  
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address  The Licensing Authority – Premises Management Westminster City Council 64 Victoria Street London SW1E 6QP
Telephone number (if any)  020 7 641 3385
E-mail address (optional)  <a href="mailto:mjohnson5@westminster.gov.uk">mjohnson5@westminster.gov.uk</a>

**This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

Please tick one or more boxes ✓



**Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)**

**This establishment operates as an off-licence / convenience store and is licensed for regulated entertainment – playing of recorded music and private entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit and for the sale by retail of alcohol.**

**The sale of alcohol is permitted from Monday to Saturday – 08:00 to 23:00 and Sunday from 10:00 to 22:00.**

**On 8 May 2014, during an operation by Customs and Excise and Trading Standards, alcohol was seized from the premises when it became apparent that no Excise Duty had been paid on the goods.**

**This is an offence under S.170 Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 and S. 144 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

**This incident undermines the Licensing Objective of:**

- 1. Crime and Disorder**

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

The licence is held by Mr Veerasingam Arulanathan and Mr Saravani Rajaratnam and is operated as a convenience store and off-licence. The designated premises supervisor is Mr Veerasingham Arulanathan, who is also one of the licence holders. The licence was granted on 28 November 2006.

**See Appendix 1 for a copy of the premises licence and photographs of the premises.**

On 8 May 2014 a joint visit was carried out by officers from Customs and Excise and Trading Standards. This visit was carried out as a result of intelligence which had been gathered by Customs and Excise and Westminster's Trading Standards Officers.

**See Appendix 2 for a copy of the statement from the Customs and Excise Officer, dated 24 July 2014**

The person in charge at the time of the visit, Mr Premanathan Sachitharanthasarma, described himself as the owner of the premises. The officers identified a quantity of canned beers in the storeroom at the rear of the premises. Mr Sachitharanthasarma was asked to provide purchase records in respect of the canned beers. Mr Sachitharanthasarma said that many of the beers in the store room were purchased from a "delivery man" without an invoice. The Customs and Excise officer believed that the UK duty had not been paid on the alcohol.

The officers also identified a quantity of wine on the shelves in a downstairs storeroom. Mr Sachitharanthasarma confirmed that this wine had been purchased from the same "delivery man". The Customs and Excise Officer believed that this alcohol had also been purchased without the duty being paid.

The Customs Officer seized the canned beers and the wine for which no invoice could be supplied, pursuant to Section 139 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 as the goods were liable to forfeiture on the basis that, on the balance of probabilities, the UK excise duty had not been paid.

In total the following items were seized:

683.616 litres of canned beers

103.5 litres of wine.

The duty attributed to the seized stock amounted to £1396.41, including VAT.

It is an offence contrary to S 170 of the Excise Management Act 1979 to evade excise duty on goods and Mr Sachitharanthasarma was issued with a warning letter. He was also given a booklet explaining his right to appeal the seizure of the alcohol. To date this has not been done. In addition it is also an offence contrary to S 144 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the Designated Premises Supervisor and / or holder of a premises licence to "knowingly keep on licensed premises any goods without payment of duty".

Formal legal letters were sent by Westminster Council to both licence holders (one of whom is also the Designated Premises Supervisor). Mr Veerasingam Arulanathan attended an interview under caution on 16 September 2014. During the interview Mr Arulanathan confirmed that he was aware that purchases were made by cash from unauthorised retailers but said the majority of purchases were made to legitimate cash

and carry retailers. Although he did not purchase the alcohol, he took full responsibility as the licence holder and Designated Premises Supervisor. He said no purchases would take place in future from an unauthorised retailer and receipts would be available for viewing at the premises.

**See Appendix 3 for a copy of the statement dated 17 September 2014 regarding the interview**

In the statutory "Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003" (under the heading of "Reviews arising in connection with crime") it states:

11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of licensed premises:

- For the sale of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓ yes

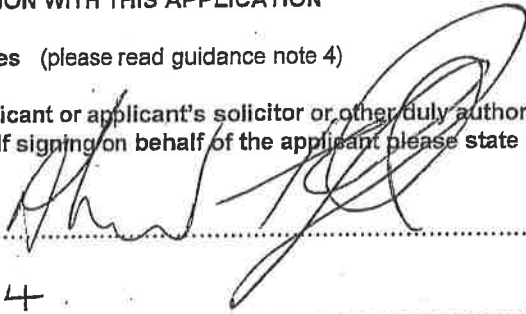
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature



Date 12.11.14

Capacity The Licensing Authority

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Mr Andrew Ralph  
Service Manager  
The Licensing Authority – Premises Management  
City Hall  
64 Victoria Street

Post town  
London

Post Code  
SW1E 6QP

Telephone number (if any) 020 7641 3385

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) mjohnson5@westminster.gov.uk

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

APPENDIX 1



# City of Westminster

64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Schedule 12  
Part A

WARD: Harrow Road  
UPRN: 999000058444

Premises licence

Regulation 33, 34

Premises licence number:

06/12298/WCCMAP

## Part 1 – Premises details

### Postal address of premises:

Top Look Food and Wine  
528 Harrow Road  
London  
W9 3QF

Telephone Number: 020 8960 2937

### Where the licence is time limited, the dates:

N/A

### Licensable activities authorised by the licence:

Regulated Entertainment

- Playing of Recorded Music
- Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

### The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

Regulated Entertainment:

- Playing of Recorded Music: Unrestricted
- Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit: Unrestricted

Sale by Retail of Alcohol: Monday to Saturday - 08:00 to 23:00

Sale by Retail of Alcohol: Sunday - 10:00 to 22:30

*For times authorised for Christmas and Good Friday see conditions at Annex 1*

### The opening hours of the premises:

Monday to Saturday - 08:00 to 23:00

Sunday - 10:00 to 22:30

### Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol, whether these are on and/or off supplies:

Off

**Part 2**

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence:**

Mr Veerasingam Arulananthan  
21 Corfe Avenue  
South Harrow  
Middlesex  
HA2 8TA  
Telephone Number : 020 8960 2937  
Mobile Phone Number : 078 0144 3356

Mr Saravani Rajaratnam  
65 Shaftesbury Avenue  
South Harrow  
Middlesex  
Harrow  
HA2 0PP  
Telephone Number : 020 8423 8318

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

N/A

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol:**

**Name:** Veerasingham Arulananthan  
**Address:** 21 Corfe Avenue  
South Harrow  
Middlesex  
HA2 8TA  
**Phone:** Not Supplied

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol:**

**Licence Number:** Not Supplied  
**Licensing Authority:** Not Supplied

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Legal & Administrative Services



## **Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of this licence.
2. No supply of alcohol may be made at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or the personal licence is suspended.
3. Every supply of alcohol under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

### **Conditions which reproduce the effect of any restriction imposed on the use of the premises by specified enactments.**

#### **Conditions for Sale of Alcohol**

4. Alcohol shall not be sold or supplied except during permitted hours.

In this condition, permitted hours means:

- (a) On weekdays, other than Christmas Day, 08:00 to 23:00
- (b) On Sundays, other than Christmas Day, 10:00 to 22:30
- (c) On Christmas Day, 12:00 to 15:00 and 19:00 to 22:30
- (d) On Good Friday, 08:00 to 22:30

The above restrictions do not prohibit:

- (a) during the first twenty minutes after the above hours, the taking of the alcohol from the premises unless the alcohol is supplied or taken in an open vessel;
  - (b) ordering of alcohol to be consumed off the premises, or the despatch by the vendor of the alcohol so ordered;
  - (c) sale of alcohol to a trader or club for the purposes of the trade or club;
  - (d) the sale or supply of alcohol to any canteen or mess, being a canteen in which the sale or supply of alcohol is carried out under the authority of the Secretary of State or an authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces.
5. Alcohol shall not be sold in an open container or be consumed in the licensed premises.

**Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule**

None

**Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

None

**Annex 4 – Plans**

Attached



**City of Westminster**  
64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Schedule 12  
Part B

WARD: Harrow Road  
UPRN: 999000058444

Premises licence  
summary

Regulation 33, 34

Premises licence number:

06/12298/WCCMAP

**Part 1 – Premises details**

**Postal address of premises:**

Top Look Food and Wine  
528 Harrow Road  
London  
W9 3QF

**Telephone Number:** 020 8960 2937

**Where the licence is time limited, the dates:**

N/A

**Licensable activities authorised by the licence:**

Regulated Entertainment

- Playing of Recorded Music
- Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit

Sale by Retail of Alcohol

**The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:**

Regulated Entertainment:

- Playing of Recorded Music: Unrestricted
- Private Entertainment consisting of dancing, music or other entertainment of a like kind for consideration and with a view to profit: Unrestricted

Sale by Retail of Alcohol: Monday to Saturday - 08:00 to 23:00

Sale by Retail of Alcohol: Sunday - 10:00 to 22:30

*For times authorised for Christmas and Good Friday see conditions at Annex 1.*

**The opening hours of the premises:**

Monday to Saturday - 08:00 to 23:00

Sunday - 10:00 to 22:30

APPENDIX 2

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF NICHOLAS PARKER**

**Visit to Top Look Food & Wine, 528 Harrow Road, London W9 3QF**

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I, Nicholas Parker, Officer of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs, (HMRC) based at Custom House, 20 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EE WILL SAY as follows:

1. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014, accompanied by other Officers of HMRC and Officers from City Of Westminster Trading Standards, I attended Top Look Food & Wine at 528 Harrow Road, London W9 3QF under the authority of section 112 of the Customs & Excise Management Act. I entered the premises at 14:10 hours.
2. During the course of the visit I identified a quantity of canned beers in the storeroom at the rear of the premises. I asked Mr Premananthan Sachitharanthasarma, the owner, to provide purchase records in respect of these canned beers. Mr Sachitharanthasarma subsequently admitted that many of the beers in the storeroom were purchased from a 'delivery van' without an invoice. This admission led me to believe, on the balance of probabilities that UK duty had not been paid on the alcohol in question.
3. I also queried a quantity of wine on the shelves and found in a downstairs storeroom. Mr Sachitharanthasarma admitted that this wine came from the same 'delivery van' without an invoice. This further admission led me to believe, on the balance of probabilities that UK duty had not been paid on the wine in question.
4. As a result of these admissions I made the decision to seize the canned beers in the storeroom for which no invoice could be found and the wine that Mr Sachitharanthasarma admitted he did not have purchase invoices for, pursuant to section 139 of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979 as the goods were liable to forfeiture on the basis that, on the balance of probabilities, the UK excise duty had not been paid.

5. In total 683.616 litres of canned beers and 103.5 litres of wine were seized. The duty attributed to the seized stock amounted to £1396.41, including VAT.
6. Mr Sachitharanthasarma was issued with a seizure information notice, a warning letter and a booklet explaining his right to appeal the seizure after which Officers of HMRC left the premises, at 15:36 hours. To date I am not aware of any appeal against the seizure.

**Statement of Truth**

I believe that the facts contained in this witness statement are true.

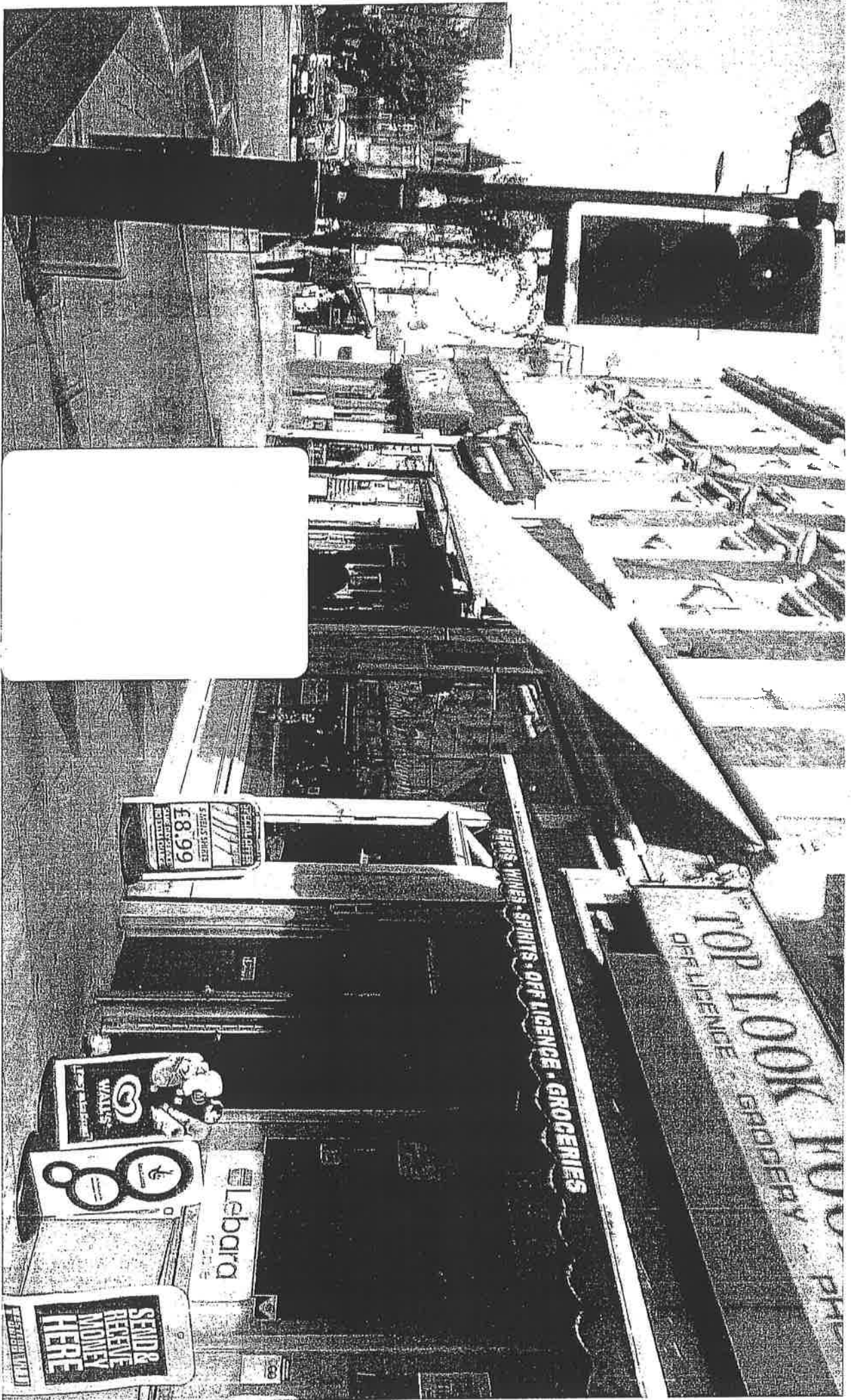
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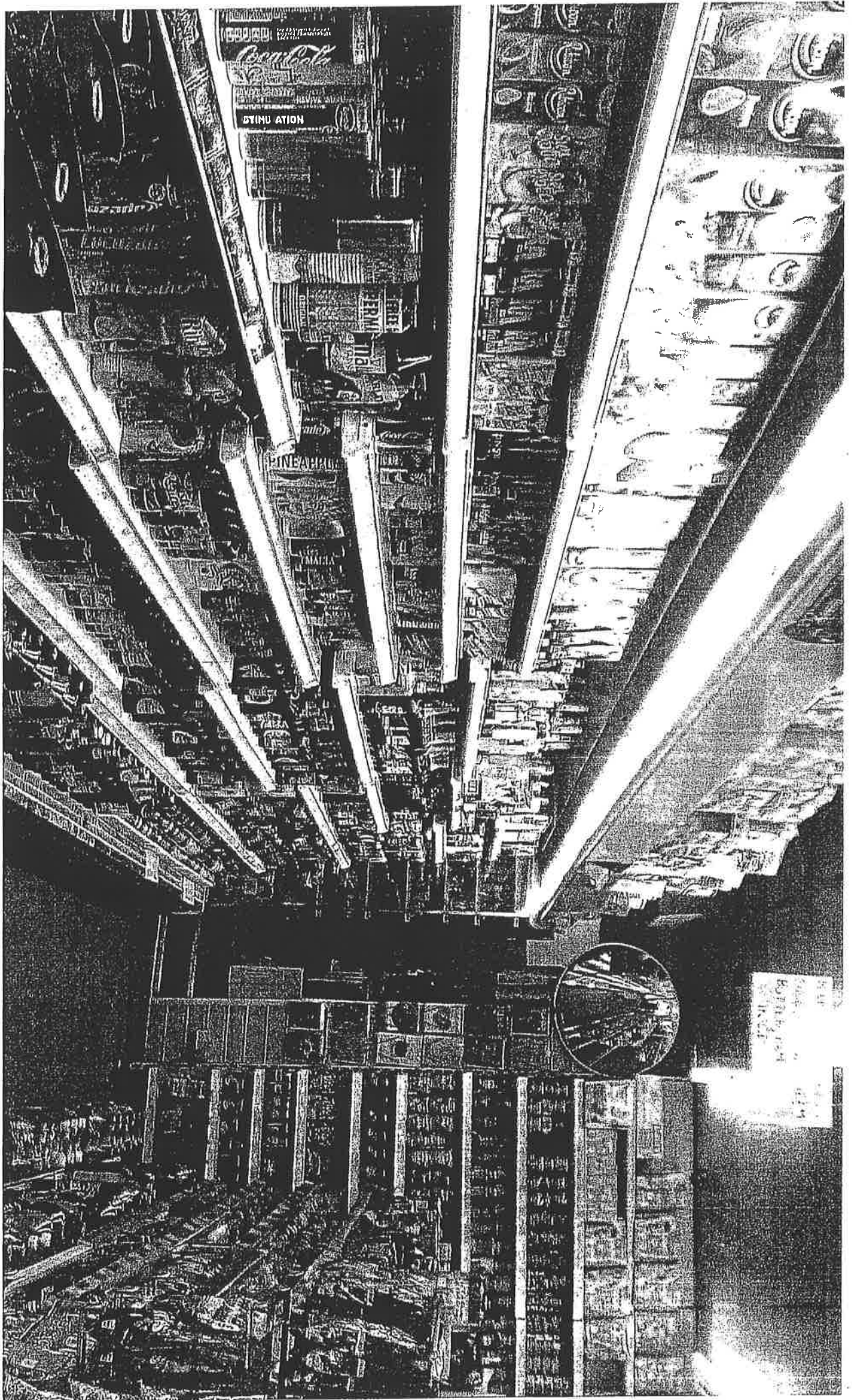


**NICHOLAS PARKER**

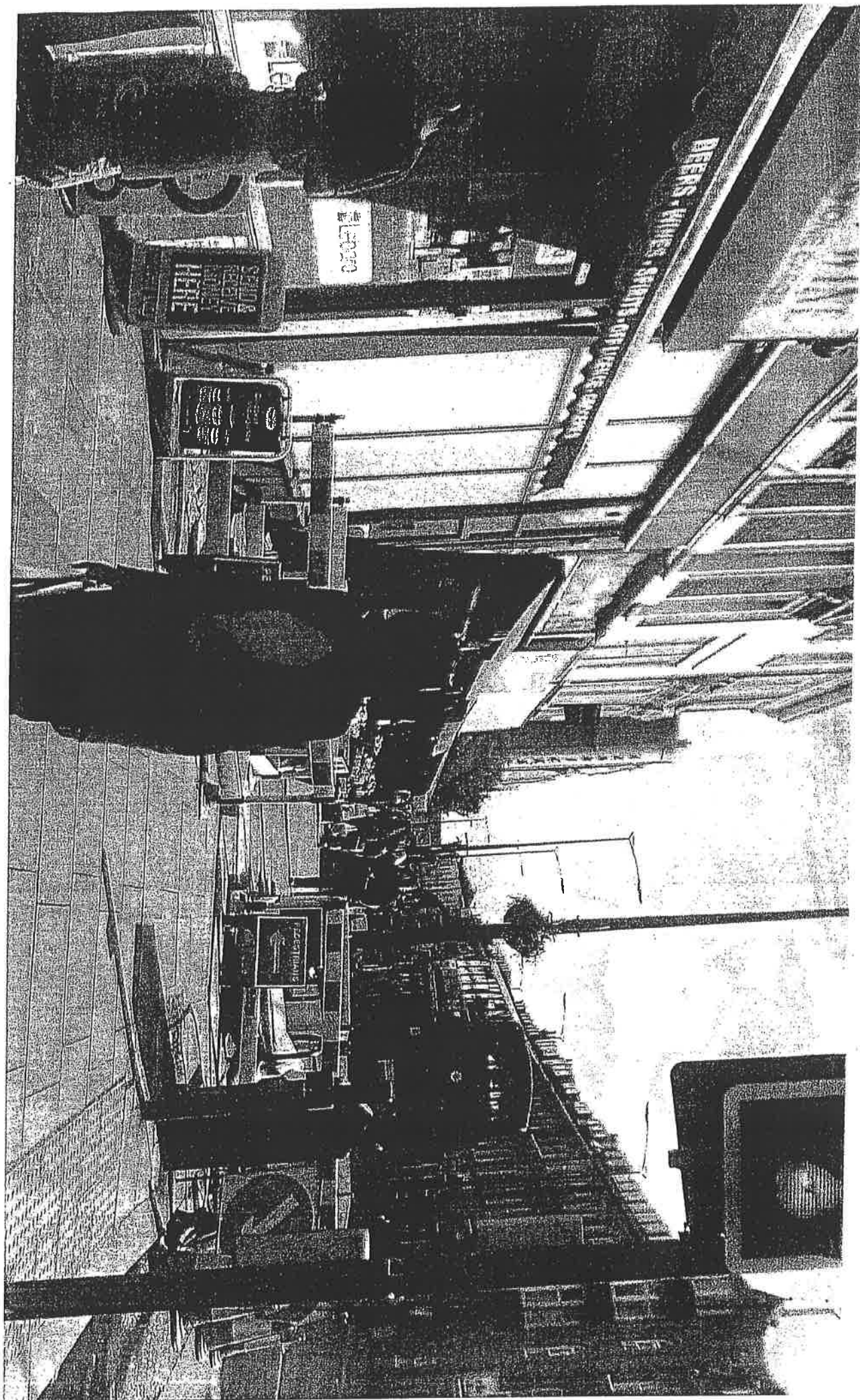
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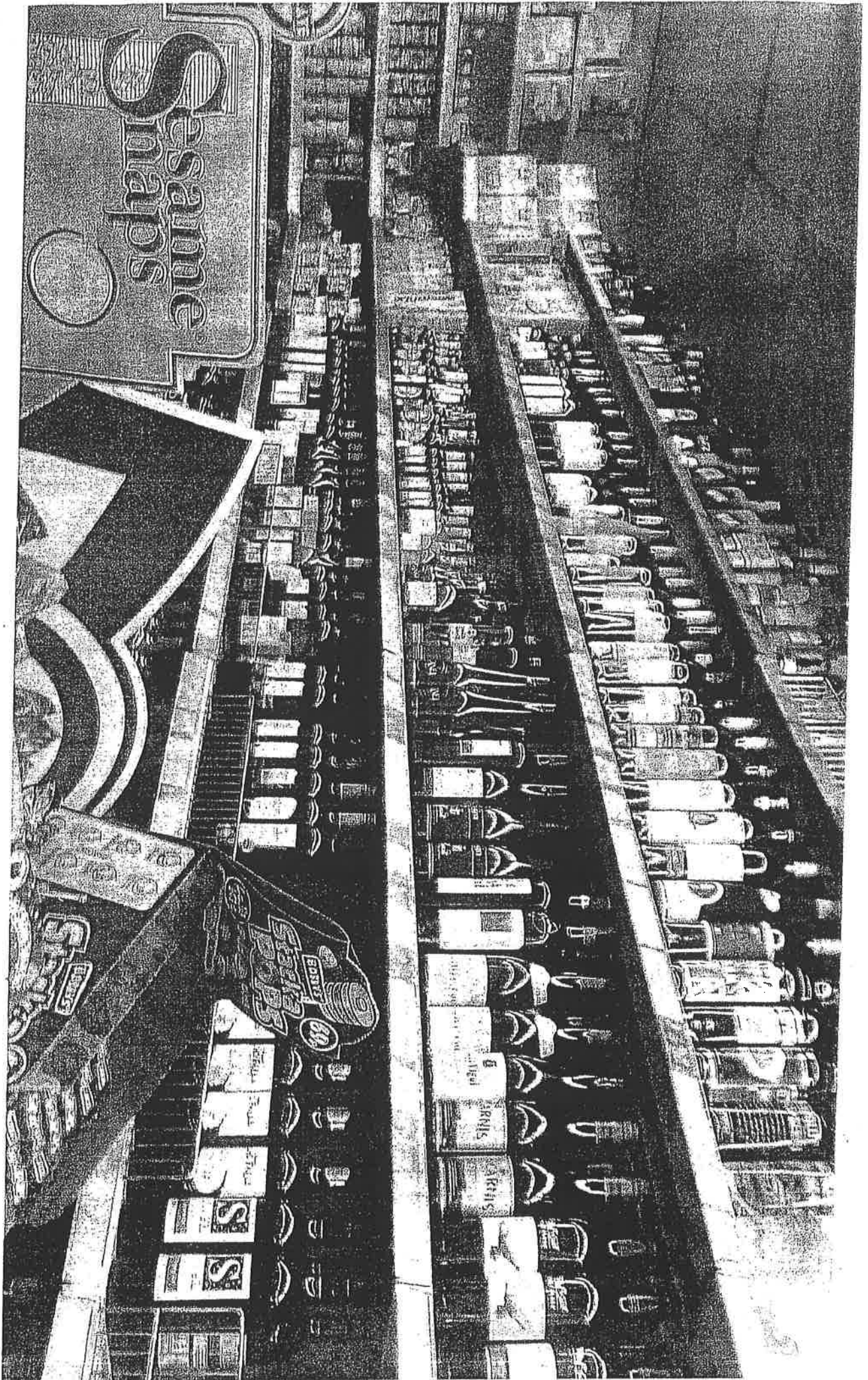




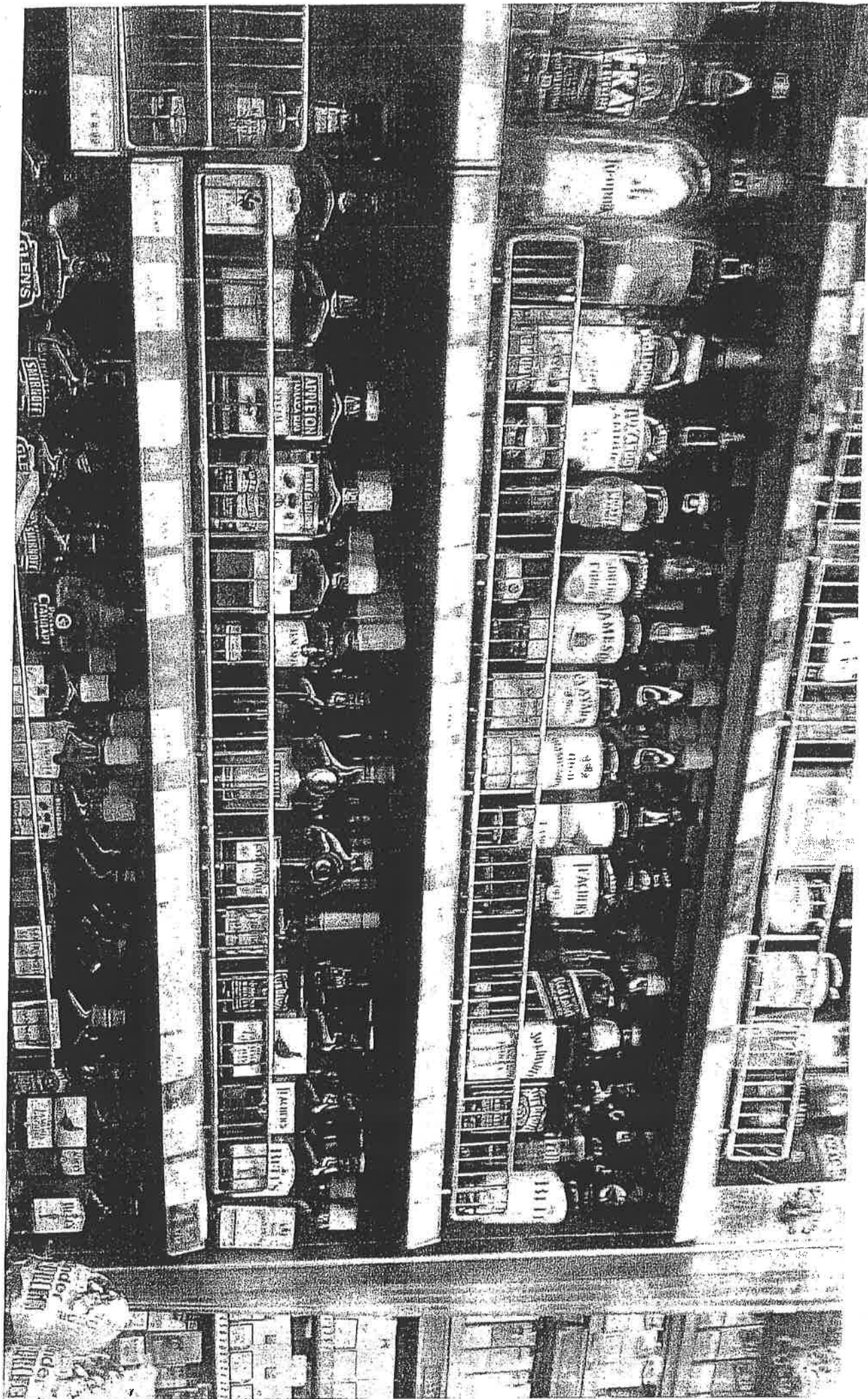












APPENDIX 3



## WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))

Continuation of statement of: Maria Johnson

The alcohol was seized, pursuant to section 139 of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979 as the goods were liable to forfeiture on the basis that, on the balance of probabilities, the UK excise duty had not been paid.

Upon receipt of this information I checked the licence status of the premises. A premise licence is held for the sale of alcohol from 08:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday and from 10:00 to 22:30 on Sunday. The licence holders are Mr Veerasingam Arulananthan and Mr Saravani Rajaratnam and the Designated Premises Supervisor is Veerasingham Arulananthan. I wrote to both licence holders (Mr Arulananthan is both licence holder and DPS) and invited them to attend an interview at Westminster Council. A copy of the licence is attached as Annex B.

An interview took place on 16 September 2014 and Mr Veerasingham Arulananthan attended the interview. I cautioned Mr Arulananthan. During the interview Mr Arulananthan confirmed that he was joint owner of the premises with Mr Sachitharanthasarma, who was at the premises during the Customs and Excise visit on 8 May 2014. Mr Arulananthan confirmed that he was the Designated Premises Supervisor. I asked Mr Arulananthan if he was aware of the Customs and Excise visit on 8 May 2014 and he confirmed that he was. I asked if he was in a position to produce the invoices that had been requested by Customs and Excise during their visit and he said that he was not.

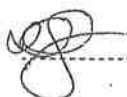
Mr Arulananthan confirmed that Mr Sachitharanthasarma was on duty during the visit on 8 May 2014 and he was a personal licence holder and joint owner of the premises and was left in charge of the premises on that basis.

Mr Arulananthan said that Mr Sachitharanthasarma worked at the shop five days a week and that he, Mr Arulananthan, worked at the shop two days a week. He said that Mr Sachitharanthasarma has the authority to take money from the till and make cash purchases if required, which is often done.

I asked who was in charge of the purchase of alcohol and Mr Arulananthan said that Mr Sachitharanthasarma was in charge of any cash purchases and he was in charge of making purchases from cash and carry outlets and usually made purchases from Bestway, Crown and Hote.

I asked how Mr Sachitharanthasarma made sure that alcohol purchased in cash had full duty paid and he said that he had made purchases without being clear that duty had been paid.

Signature



Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_



WITNESS STATEMENT

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1 (1))


Continuation of statement of:  Maria Johnson

I asked Mr Arulanathan if he was aware that purchasing alcohol that duty had not been paid was an offence and he confirmed that he did know that. I told Mr Arulanathan that Mr Sachitharanthasarma told Customs Officials that he had purchased the seized alcohol from a "delivery man" and that there was no invoice available. Mr Arulanathan said that it had happened in the past, that alcohol was purchased without any paper work.

I asked why the purchase was made under these circumstances and Mr Arulanathan said that it was a good offer but that the vast quantity of alcohol was purchased from the cash and carry and that invoices are available. There is a folder of invoices available for inspection at the shop. Mr Arulanathan said that he was responsible for the sales cash and carry purchases and goes to the cash and carry almost every day. Any additional purchase are made by Mr Sachitharanthasarma.

I asked Mr Arulanathan if he had anything further to add and he said that he had been involved with the establishment for more than 11 years and there have been no previous issues with the police or any complaints. He said that in future all purchases will be made at cash and carry outlets only and all invoices will be available for inspection by the relevant authorities. The Council records confirm that there have been no recorded incidents or complaints regarding the premises.

Signature



Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bamborough, Sharon**

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**To:** Bamborough, Sharon  
**Subject:** FW: 528 Harrow Road

-----Original Message-----

From: Bec Smith [<mailto:rbec99@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: 17 November 2014 22:20  
To: Premises Licensing  
Subject: 528 Harrow Road .

Top Look Food & Wine, 528 Harrow Road, W9 3QF

There is considerable illegal street alcohol drinking in this area, which the authorities do not appear to act on. For this reason, personally I would prefer less alcohol to be sold in this area as too many people have major alcohol problems, which cause anti social behaviour and crime outside my front door.

I suppose this representation relates to Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Regards,

Rebecca Smith

Sent from my iPad

## Annex C

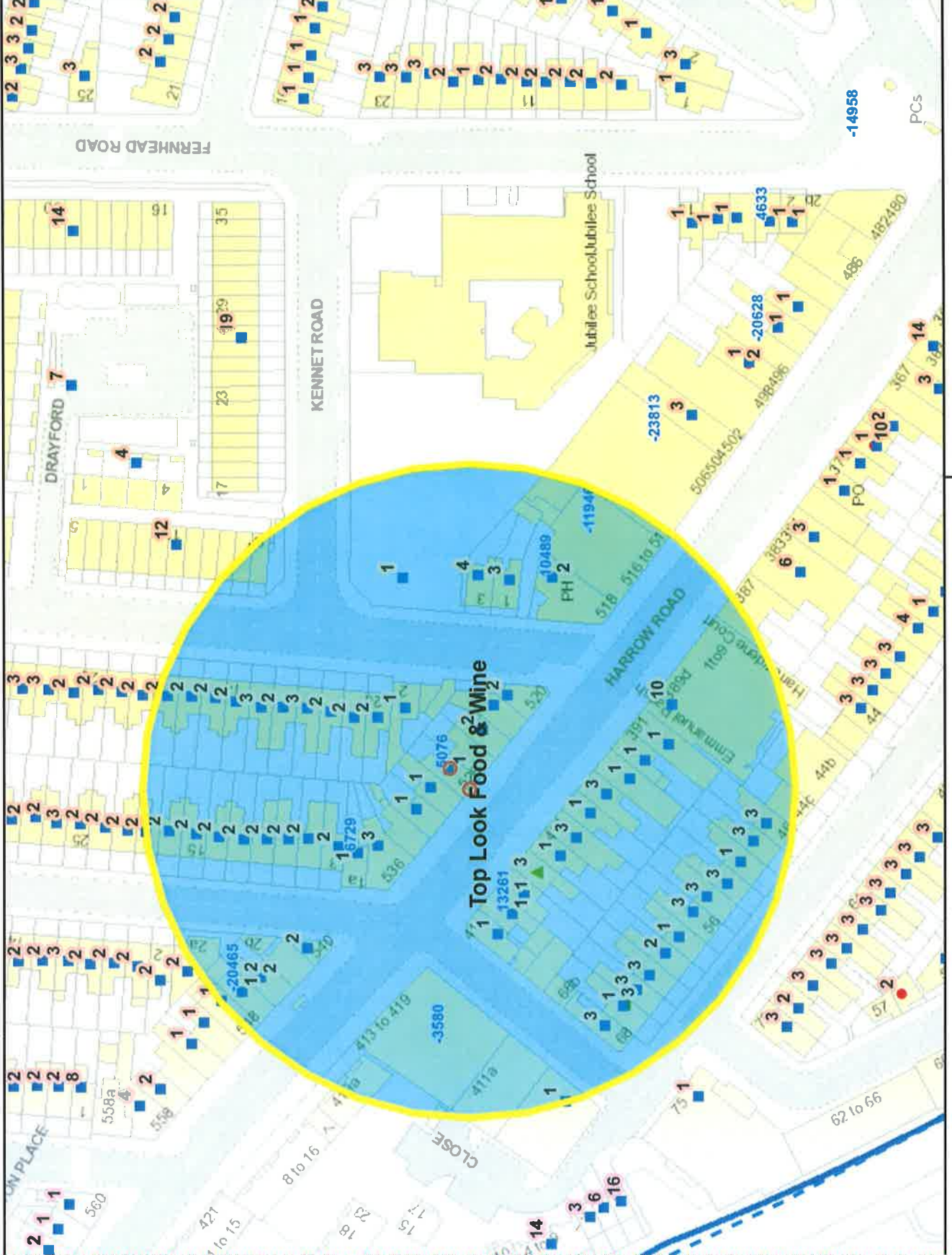
### Licence History and Appeal Information

<b>Application</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Date Determined</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Conversion 05/08064/LIPC	To convert the existing Licence	29.09.2005	Granted under delegated authority  Licence later re-issued under ref 06/12298/WCCMAP in 2006 (no changes)

There is no appeal history for this premise.



# Top Look Food & Wine, 528 Harrow Road, London, W9 3QF



Residential / Proposed Residential	123
Under Construction	6
Other Uses	10
Proportion Residential of all Uses	54%

## ANNEX D

Data Source: Uniform Data  
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**Premises within 75 metres of: Top Look Food & Wine, 528 Harrow Road, London, W9 3QF**

<b>p / n</b>	<b>Name of Premises</b>	<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Licensed Hours</b>
-3560	Savers	417-419 Harrow Road London W9 3QJ	Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 19:00 Sunday 10:00 - 18:00
6729	All Nations Tropical Food	1 Portnall Road London W9 3BA	Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 19:00
5076	Top Look Food & Wine	528 Harrow Road London W9 3QF	Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 23:00 Sunday 10:00 - 22:30
-20465	Carolina Chicken	546 Harrow Road London W9 3QG	Monday to Sunday 10:00 - 01:00
13261	Eli-Deli News	409 Harrow Road London W9 3NF	Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 23:00 Sunday 10:00 - 22:30
10489	Kenrick's Bar	518 Harrow Road London W9 3QA	Monday to Saturday 10:00 - 00:30 Sunday 12:00 - 00:00
-11946	Iceland	512-516 Harrow Road London W9 3QA	Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 23:00 Sunday 10:00 - 22:30





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