

Representations on behalf of Anglesey Trading Standards

Premises Licence Application - Hafan Shop Ltd, 7-9 High Street, Llangefni, LL77 7LT

Anglesey Trading Standards, being a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, would like to note an objection to the above premises licence, based on the potential for the premises to hold or sell smuggled goods tobacco and alcohol.

Criminal Behaviour (Crime & Disorder)

Various allegations regarding sale of illegal cigarettes and tobacco at **The White Shop, 7-9 High Street, Llangefni LL77 7LT** were substantiated by positive test purchases by officers of Anglesey Trading Standards and Operation CeCe on 3 separate occasions. Illegal tobacco and cigarettes without the required health warnings on labels and being sold for much less than the RRP, which undermines efforts to improve health and wellbeing.

On execution of a warrant using a tobacco detection dog on 21/4/26 significant amount of illegal cigarettes and tobacco were found concealed in a purpose built hide (fake aircon unit in back room) and seized – criminal investigation is ongoing.

On 19/6/26 a further 9 packets of illegal cigarettes were seized by Trading Standards Officers from the premises, having been found by the police as part of their Operation Jackal visit, which did not involve detection dogs.

Section 144 of the Licensing Act 2003 deals directly with the offences of ‘Smuggled Goods’ on any ‘relevant premises’ – which relates to any goods which have been imported unlawfully or without payment of duty. The illegal cigarettes and tobacco test purchased from the premises and seized from the premises on the 21/4/2026 and 19/06/2026 fit directly into this definition so should be taken into account when considering the application.

Public Safety

As a fire safety measure legal cigarettes are designed to extinguish unless actively being smoked, so as to prevent accidental house fires caused by unattended cigarettes. Illegal cigarettes, however, commonly fail to meet these ‘ignition propensity’ safety standards and will continue burning when left unattended increasing the risk of accidental fires.

Applicant - Hafan Shop Ltd

As the company was only incorporated on the 21st July 2026, no history is available, however sole director Jamal ABDOLLAHPOUR has history of involvement with shops selling illegal tobacco/cigarettes (smuggled goods under s.144 of the Licensing Act 2003), not only in Llangefni but also Bangor and Colwyn Bay. Intelligence suggests that Jamal ABDOLLAHPOUR was working in the shops and aware of the sale of smuggled goods on the relevant premises.

In accordance with paragraph 11.27 of the revised guidance under s.128 of the Licensing Act 2003, the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol is identified as criminal activity that must be treated particularly seriously.

Signed: 

Designation: Trading Standards Manager

Date: 11/08/2026