

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967. s. 9, MC Act 1980, s.s.5A (3a) and 5B MC Rules 1981, r70)

Witness Statement of Panayiotis Panayiotou.

1. I Panayiotis Panayiotou am over 18 years of age. I am the Operations Consultant for K&G Restaurants Ltd a Mc Donald's franchise who operates the Mc Donald's at 361-363 Station Road Harrow.
2. I have a detailed understanding of the day to day operation of the premises and believe that I am able to make the following statement consisting of 2 pages in relation to the objection received from PC Jasmindee Virdee police licensing officer.
3. The premises have held a licence for the sale of late night refreshment since 2005 and have not experienced the issues with crime and disorder and or public nuisance that PC Virdee presents in his letter of objection.
4. Prior to submitting a formal application in conjunction with our licensing consultant we conducted a risk assessment on the measures that K&G Restaurants could implement as licensing conditions to support the 4 licensing objectives. These measures are set out under the operating schedule.
5. As part of the operating schedule under prevention of crime and disorder we have offered the provision of 1 x SIA guard on a Friday and Saturday from 23:00 on each day. This is based on their generally being no more than 50 customers expected on the premises at any one time between 23:00 and the end of licensable activity.
6. As part of the operating schedule we have offered the condition that all managers will be trained in the Mc Donald's conflict management programme. This is an accredited programme that teaches managers how to deal with and diffuse conflict.
7. I am not aware of any issues raised by the preliminary research of PC Virdee in his representation concerned with crime and disorder and public nuisance during existing licensable activities or for those extended opening timings.

8. The premises are served by public transport 24 hours a day 7 days a week with the N18 and N140 night/early morning bus services. The N18 serves two bus termini that are located on opposite sides of the pavement which are located within 20 to 50 meters of the restaurant. The 140 bus service can be alighted from Harrow Bus Station which is within walking distance from the premises. In addition there is cab rank located on College Road between Mc Donald's and Harrow Bus Station which is also in walking distance from Mc Donald's.
9. Mc Donald's Harrow takes the issue of litter seriously. The premises have a policy of clearing litter up to a 100 meter radius. This meets the DEFRA cleaner safer greener community's voluntary code of practice to reduce litter caused by food on the go.
10. To prevent loitering by children and customers a condition is offered that on a Friday and Saturday from 23:00, 1 x SIA guard in conjunction with a manager trained in conflict management would be employed at the premises. Public notices are also offered to advise customers not to loiter.

Statement of Truth

This statement consisting of 3 pages signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Print Name: Panayiotis Panayiotou

Signature: Electronic signature

Dated: 6th November 2014