

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: Patrick Moran

Age if under 18: over 18

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement consisting of 2 page(s) each 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.

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I am currently the Harrow Licensing Officer and have been in this role for the last 18 months. I have been a Police Officer for a period of ten years in Metropolitan Police Service.

This statement refers to the Anti-Social behaviour, Crime and policing Act 2014. The statement is made in support of the local Authorities Application through ASB Crime and disorder Act

On behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service fully support an application for a Public Space Protection Order by the Local Authority to protect public space covering all of Harrow Borough.

Harrow Borough has currently has had an Alcohol Exclusion Zone (AEZ) across the borough since March 2008, this has been effective in reducing street drinking in public places. From my experience working in the town centre in Station Road I was speaking with drinkers 2 to 3 times a day. Now when I patrol the area I may speak to only one person a day regarding his activity. Having this in place has reduced street drinking and violent crime and anti-social behaviour. Licensed premises supported the Alcohol Exclusion Zone and continue to support. Pubs in Harrow have joined scheme Pubwatch. Licensed premises ensure they promote the four objectives collectively known as:-

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder*
- Public Safety*
- The prevention of Public Nuisance*
- The Protection of Children from Harm*

Designated Premises Supervisor encourage patrons to drink responsible on premises and prevent them drinking outside their premises on the street who are members of the scheme. This can be seen when away football team supporters attend the Town Centre pubs and bars. Bar staff ask drinkers to leave their glasses inside if they wish to go outside.

Police have had problems in the town centre where groups of male congregate on the benches outside St Johns Church in Station Road drinking.

Police use their powers under *Section 13 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001* to confiscate opened drinking vessels or if necessary unopened vessel, if police believe the persons may

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continue to drink. Police have the option to issue fixed penalty tickets if necessary. Police prefer to engage with the drinkers to prevent any further problems.

Cavendish Avenue repeated calls from members of the public concerning street drinking police attended and dispersed groups drinking, disposed of alcohol.

Calls by business and community regarding street drinking in Northolt Road, this is ongoing.

Street drinking opposite Ladbrokes betting shop Wealdstone High Street .An assortment of empty drinking bottles and cans can be seen near location where the street drinkers meet.

Calls made to police for the last 6 months as follows street drinking alcohol

### Station Road Harrow Town centre

CAD QA/6030 16/08/16 advice given by police

### Holy Trinity Church Wealdstone High Street

CAD QA/2895	12/07/16	Advice given by police
CAD QA/10269	21/06/16	Advice given by police
CAD QA/4069	18/06/16	Advice given by police
CAD QA/4060	19/06/16	Advice Given by police
CAD QA/7096	06/05/16	Advice given by police

### Northolt Road

VAQA16924	25/07/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16921	25/07/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16909	23/07/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16847	15/07/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16819	13/07/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16714	24/06/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16503	25/05/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA16391	12/05/2016	Advice given by police
VAQA15487	26/05/2015	Advice given by police
VAQA15420	03/05/2015	Advice given by police
VAQA15297	22/03/2015	Advice given by police
VAQA15272	16/03/2015	Advice given by police
VAQA15250	12/03/2015	Advice given by police

### Cavendish Avenue

CAD QA/9828 04/08/16 Advice given by police  
CAD QA/1028 13/03/16 Advice given by police

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**Headstone Drive**

VAQA16812 - 12/07/16  
VAQA16321 - 05/05/16

Police had to apply for a dispersal zone to be put in place in Harrow Wealdstone on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to prevent street drinking and anti-social behaviour. This was being reported to police by local business and was ongoing daily my exhibit PAM/01.

Street drinking has a detrimental effect on the community. I believe the community would support a Public Space Protection Order in Harrow.

It is documented that alcohol abuse has most often viewed as a problem involving drunks and drunkenness. Individuals whose heavy use of alcohol is regular (usually daily) involves binge drinking and drunkenness. These individuals can become aggressive, violent and also can be victims of crime. These individuals when spoken to by police are intoxicated. Area's where these people congregate is normally in areas in public view. Parents have to walk past these locations with children have to view drunkenness and rowdy behaviour.

There is also the issue regarding littering and empty alcohol containers strewn around the area. This has cost implications for the council clearing up the area.

This statement has looked at only five locations within the borough of Harrow, it high lights there is still ongoing problems with street drinking.

This order will continue to allow police to deal effectively with street drinkers and reassure the public that police will deal with anti-social behaviour. In my opinion not having this Public Space Protection Order would see an increase in street drinking across Harrow.

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