

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: John FOOT

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 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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Date: 27 JULY 2019

I am PC FOOT 3157NW and I work for GREENHILL Safer Neighbourhoods in HARROW. I have worked on this ward since FEBRUARY 2019. I am writing this statement for HARROW Licencing as they have made me aware that Diya Food and Wine, 71 STATION ROAD, HARROW, HA1 2TY wish to apply for a 24 hour licence. This is something that I would oppose. The reasons I oppose this follows;

The ward and the town centre already has a high level of anti-social behaviour caused by street drinkers. Having an establishment selling alcohol 24/7 would only add to the problems. We have had street drinkers up as early as 6 to 7am and staying late in to the evening to buy drink and sit in the town centre causing ant-social behaviour and littering. I am worried that a shop opening so close to the town centre will only increase the amount of time these people are in the centre and may well possibly attract more undesirables to the location.

The shop is located just opposite a street called ROSSLYN CRESCENT. Police have had many ASB issues in the past with young adults smoking cannabis and drinking by the flats located on the street. Local officers have put a lot of effort in trying to reduce this ASB. It is my fear that if we give a shop 24 hours to sell alcohol, these people will return in the area and cause even more nuisance to the area.

HIGH MEAD which is a road next to the shop and has had ongoing reports of anti-social behaviour. Granted this is mainly drug use. However, I do not think a 24/7 premises will help in any shape or form and may well add "fuel to the fire".

Another close location is HINDES ROAD and WELDON CRESCENT. Again police have serious anti-social issues in this area and are still working hard to reduce this. This includes street drinking, drug taking, violence and general ASB. Police are working with the council and currently have a strategy to try and reduce this. Opening a 24/7 licenced premises will only make the job of the police harder and again may well cause further issues as the people causing the problems will now have constant access to drink.

The fact that it will be open 24/7 will make it hard for the Safer Neighbourhoods team to effectively deal with any ASB caused by the selling of alcohol as their shift pattern does not allow for night shifts, with the latest shift finishing at midnight.

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