

Appendix 4 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: Mark JOHNSON

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

This statement (consisting of 3 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: 24/08/2019

I am currently one (1) of the two (2) Dedicated Ward Officers attached to EDGWARE SNT. I have been a Police Officer for over nine (9) years and have been in my current role for three (3) months. I am providing this statement to assist in the licence review of TRANSILVANYA, 18 NORTH PARADE, MOLLISON WAY, HA8 5QH.

Following my move to EDGWARE SNT, I was briefed by PS356NW regarding one of the biggest issues in the area being MOLLISON WAY. This area is an ASB hotspot caused by homeless street drinkers, which are a blight to the local residents, buying their alcohol from the local off licences including TRANSILVANYA and then hanging around in the rear service roads both NORTH and SOUTH PARADES drinking said alcohol. They can be found in large groups, drinking, shouting and fighting each other and then leave all of their empty beer cans on the floor whilst using anywhere in the alleyways as a public toilet. These males often slept at the area in disused garages and are regularly found passed out on the high street of MOLLISON WAY for all of the public to see.

I have seen these street drinkers on many occasions going into TRANSILVANYA, buying their alcohol before leaving and heading immediately to the rear service roads where they consume it. I would then stop these males and would find them with several cans in their pockets or in a small plastic bag, they would get from the store. The cans were always loose meaning the cans were sold separately at the venue.

Due to the high volume of complaints received, we have spoken with KINGDOM SECURITY who now patrol the area daily, handing out fines for littering and other offences. EDGWARE SNT now patrol the area as often as possible with a hard approach to street drinking and litter in the area in an effort to reduce the issues.

Whilst on patrols in the area I attended the off-licences and noticed that all the cans in TRANSILVANYA were being sold separately and were largely non-uk, fully sign written in a foreign language on the cans. I asked the shopkeeper where they got them from to which the reply was "from a white van that comes around". I was not fully up on legalities around this at the time so I spoke with PS356NW regarding this as a potential issue who asked me to get in touch with Licencing at Harrow Police Station.

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Continuation of Statement of:

An HMRC warrant was executed on 14th AUGUST 2019 at TRANSILVANYA where EDGWARE SNT assisted with a large quantity of alcohol being seized, believed to be sold avoiding import tax.

Below are images of the litter caused by the street drinkers:

Figure 1



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Continuation of Statement of:

Figure 2



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Ash Waghela

From: Angella Murphy-Strachan
Sent: 02 September 2019 19:04
To: license
Subject: Application to review the premises licence of Transilvanya- 18. North Parade, Mollison Way, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 5QH

Transilvanya, 18 North Parade, Mollison Way, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 5QH.

Dear Licensing Team,

As Councillor for The Edgware Ward, I wish to support the application for a review of the Premises licence, of the above named premises, made by PC Beresford, on all four groups stated in the application. But I particularly want to highlight the grounds for the prevention of Public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. I have observed a number of large groups of people drinking alcohol from cans and bottles on a Sunday afternoon on North parade. This creates an atmosphere of intimidation and fearfulness for the residents.

Your sincerely,

Cllr Angella Murphy-Strachan

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