

WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of GANT PC 757QK URN: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Officer 228559

This statement (consisting of: ... 10 ... pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Nick Gant PC 757QK Date: 29/08/12

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My name is PC Nick Gant 757QK. I am a police officer with the Metropolitan Police. I am currently posted with Kensal Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) in the London Borough of Brent. I have been with Kensal Green SNT since January 2012 and on the borough of Brent for three and a half years as a police constable.

This statement was submitted to obtain a dispersal zone in Manor Park Road, Park Parade, Rucklidge Avenue, Harlesden Garden, Leghorn Road, Sellons Avenue, Springwell Avenue. It has been requested by Brent Police licensing officers to provide evidence of the severity of crime, disorder and public nuisance around the area of Park Parade Harlesden and how the sales of alcohol 24 hours daily by an inadequately managed shop would impact upon this.

As a local officer with Kensal Green SNT it has come to my attention that the junction of Rucklidge Avenue and Park Parade, NW10, and the surrounding roads are suffering from sustained anti-social behaviour and related criminality. I have been closely liaising with local residents, working people and business owners of the above area and it is clearly evident that the anti-social behaviour has had a severe negative impact on their standard of living and their day-to-day life.

This statement will describe how the local residents have been intimidated but the large groups gathering in the areas as described and how it has negatively impacted on the local community's life. This statement will be supported by a number of criminal intelligence reports and crime reports.

The local residents have been intimidated by the groups of youths that congregate on the junction of Rucklidge Avenue and Park Parade and the surrounding roads. They are intimidated by their anti-social behaviour, criminality and by the sheer weight in numbers that gather in the area. This problem has been exasperated by the better weather and lighter evening that the summer months bring. Regular complaints from members of the public include: street drinking and drunken behaviour, shouting and screaming, fighting, smoking and the supply of cannabis, urinating in the street, criminal damage to businesses and dwellings (including the setting alight of a privately owned fence) and theft.

The anti-social behaviour and criminality can occur at any time of day or night and does often stretch long into the night and into the early hours of the morning. Typically the individuals involved are young males between the ages of fifteen to twenty-five years old. The youths can often number in over twenty in their number. Their very act of congregating for no particular reason is intimidating and frightening to the local residents. Several of the residents, when I have liaised with them, have stated that they are afraid to leave their own homes in the day or particularly at night.

I have dealt directly with some of the individuals that loiter in the described areas and many of them are well known to the police and criminal justice system. Many of the individuals have criminal records for a vast array of offences. It is quite evident that many of the individuals have no respect of the law and despite punishments being served on them by various courts they continue to live a life of criminality. Many of the individuals disregard the police and have no respect for the local residents or the environment. Almost none of the youths live in the proposed dispersal zone and have no explainable

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reason to be in Park Parade, Rucklidge Avenue or the surrounding roads. The youths use the area as a meeting point to continue the described anti-social behaviour and criminality.

The local residents live in fear of the gangs that loiter in the area and it deeply affects their very being. Because of their fear all evidence based in the attached statements has been provided anonymously.

### **Evidence taken from the police intelligence database, CRIMINT:**

The police criminal intelligence database has been searched from October 22, 2011, to date. The following CRIMINTs weretaken from the system and relate to the proposed area and give examples of the anti-social behaviour that is occurring. These examples of CRIMINTs are not exhaustive.

#### **OKRT00406596 c081864 Wayne LEMARD (OK)**

On 30.10.2011 at 1745hours X Came across the following males loitering in LEGHORN ROAD NW10 at J/W CHOLMONDELEY ROAD

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When asked why they were in this area XXX couldn't give a plausible explanation They then made off on foot towards HIGH ST

#### **OKRT00406597 c085385 Richard PERRETT (OK)**

On SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2011 at 1800 hours I was on patrol with pcs0 7235 walking up RUCKLIDGE AVENUE HARLESDEN NW10 as we walked up RUCKLIDGE AVENUE we noticed five black male loitering outside design works on RUCKLIDGE AVENUE junction of PARK PARADE HARLESDEN NW10 as we approached the males three of the males walked of and we managed to stop two of the males as we spoke to the males there was a strong smell of cannabis's radiating from them we asked them had they any drugs on them and they said they had smoked all they had.

The first male who was mixed race about F511 tall proportionate build with short dark hair and was wearing a multi colored jacket blue jeans black reebox trainers he was X said he was arrested for drugs on SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER 2011 checks we conducted on him and was very well know for drugs

The second male was about F508 tall slim build short dark hair black glasses and was wearing a blue jacket blue jeans and black trainers he was X we radioed for a unit to attend but there we none available so we had to let the males go

#### **OKRT00406933 c081864 Wayne LEMARD (OK)**

Drug dealing is taking place in HARLESDEN GARDENS NW10 near to junction of PARK PARADE by an Somalian male early twenties slim build F600 short black hair wearing a pale grey tracksuit carrying a black bag and riding a mountain type push bike

#### **OKRT00407370 c097383 Jos JAMES (OK)**

The local residents of RUCKLIDGE AVE NW10 has informed officers that a group of somalian males are smoking, selling and buying drugs when standing outside DESIGNWORKS at the junction of PARK PARADE and now to avoid foot patrolling officers or a patrolling police vehicle they would go to the top of the fire escape stairs at the side of DESIGNWORKS BUILDING were they can not be seen

This is happening approximately from midnight until early morning

The group of five to seven males would also sell their drugs to the customers of CASA NOSA NIGHT CLUB

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No details of descriptions of males

**OKRT00407421 c702912 Guler MUSTAFA (OK)**

On FRIDAY 11.11.2011 information was received that there is drug dealing taking place on a regular basis on LEGHORN ROAD junction with CHOLMONDELEY AVENUE NW10. The person supplying the drugs uses the phone box on PARK PARADE junction LEGHORN ROAD to arrange the deal. The drug dealer is IC3 male approximate age of 18 he gets around on a bicycle.

**OKRT00408155 c705814 Ghazal PAKZAD (OK)**

On 01/12/11 at 2015 group of about 15 IC3 and IC1 males seen loitering in William Hill Park Parade some are Somalian males and some Portuguese males

Some of these males have been identified by SNT team and on seeing officers walk into William Hill some of these males instantly walked out of the betting shop and kept looking back at officers

The males seemed very weary of police as they were constantly watching officers actions going in and out of William Hill and back and forth between Paddy Power on High Street Harlesden

Officers observed these males from Junction of Park Parade with High Street Harlesden They had about 4 mounting biked between them and they kept swapping between themselves and circulating in High street going Back and forth possibly keeping a look out

Reports have been received previously of such groups dealing drugs outside Paddy Power and on Park Parade

**OKRT00409874 p228559 Nicholas GANT (OK)**

On Friday 20/01/2012 at approximately 1630 hours there were three MALES in WILLIAM HILL, 5 PARK PARADE, NW10. All three MALES are banned from the venue and were swearing and causing a general disturbance. The refused to leave when the duty manager asked them so he called the police. The MALES left before police arrival. The duty manager knows the males but does not know their names. This CRIMINT relates to ongoing ASB problems in and around the venue.

Unknown name

19-21 years old

MALE

IC3 Somalian

F511

Slim build, denim jacket, braided hair, usually wears a brown leather jacket

Unknown name

19-21 years old

MALE

IC3 Somalian

F511

Slim build, maroon jacket, short hair, scar or mark on nose

Unknown name

19-21 years old

MALE

IC1

F511

Heavy build, black jacket, short hair

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On Friday the 17th of February 2012 at approx 1310 hours police came across X a known Class A drug user loitering outside the public toilets on TAVISTOCK SQUARE NW10. He went to walk off for police and could give no real reason for being in the area. He was searched with a negative result.

Moments later X and his girlfriend X emerged from the loo with X as high as a kite. Evidence within suggested that he had just smoked heroin. Both he and X searched however drugs had now gone.

Both stated that they were visiting from PORTSMOUTH and would be heading back there later today.

This trio had been seen an hour earlier in LEGHORN ROAD NW10 loitering near the junction of PARK PARADE. All walked off on seeing police. Obviously waiting to buy the drugs at this point.

The female X was clean and tidy and does not have the appearance of a drug user however the same cannot be said for X and X

**OKRT00411764 p209110 Gerald SIM (OK)**

On Tuesday the 6th of March 2012 at approx 1650 hours police received a call on their ward mobile to attend William Hill Bookmakers on Park Parade Harlesden NW10 after a report of a group of IC3 males smoking drugs outside the venue. Police arrived a short time later in an unmarked vehicle stopping directly outside the shop. Sure enough there were 5 Somali males in the shop doorway. All were told that they would be detained for a drug search, at this point X ran from police down the hill and into Manor Park Road where he was lost.

The remaining males searched with a negative result however a strong aroma of cannabis surrounded them.

Approx 10 minutes later the above male appeared again on Manor Park Road and was arrested for obstructing a drugs search.

Later charged with the offence. C/N 1642/QD

He obviously had time to hide whatever set him off running in the first place and is one to look out for.

**OKRT00411889 p215825 Tim WILLIAMS (OK)**

On 10th march a group of three somalian males robbed two males of their mobile phones on park parade NW10

The three suspects were detained and arrested they are as followed X X X

Suspect 2,3 are no trace on PNC but suspect 1 was arrested on the 29/02/2012 for robbery however he was NFA on that occasion he was in a group of four two were charged and two were NFA

This time it was a different group it appears X was the ring leader and will continue to commit robbery

**OKRT00411896 p187771 Matthew JAMES (QK)**

On 10/03/2012 at 1700 two males were robbed in PARK PARADE NW10. They were approached by three Somalian youths who threatened to assault them and they handed over their phones. About 40 minutes later the three suspects were identified in FORTUNEGATE ROAD NW10 by the victim whilst on a drive around with BTU officers. Two were detained at this time X X

The third male made off on a pedal cycle but was found shortly afterwards by other BTU officers and detained whilst he tried to escape and get into 54 PARK PARADE NW10.

He was also arrested for robbery. He blamed the other two for committing the offence. He showed officers a bin outside 5 ST JOHNS AVENUE NW10 where another phone stolen in the robbery had been hidden. He has been bailed to return to QD on 26/03/2012 in relation to Handling stolen goods. C/N 01QD/1723/12 refers.

On 29/02/2012 at 1450 a male was robbed in ABERDEEN ROAD NW10 by a group of Somalian youths. One of them punched him, another took his phone and the others laughed as it was happening. About 40 minutes later the four suspects were identified in GLADSTONE PARK NW2 by the victim whilst on a drive around with BTU officers. They discarded the phone and tried to make off but all were detained.

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X was seen to discard the stolen phone. He has been charged with robbery to appear at BRENT YOUTH COURT on 08/03/2012. 01QD/1515/12 refers

X is believed to have assaulted the victim. He has been charged with robbery to appear at BRENT YOUTH COURT on 08/03/2012. 01QD/1517/12 refers

X was arrested but later NFA'd as there was no evidence of joint enterprise in the offence. 01QD/1518/12 refers

X was arrested but later NFA'd as there was no evidence of joint enterprise in the offence. 01QD/1519/12 refers

Both offences involved groups of youths committing these robberies. They attend different colleges and frequent a large area which are suffering from robberies. None of the youths had been arrested previously before committing these offences apart from X. He has previously been arrested for a number of theft and robbery related offences. He is believed to be instigating others to commit robbery offences in the HARLESDEN and DOLLIS HILL areas.

**OKRT00412223 p228624 Lee TYRRELL (OK)**

At 1518hrs on WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH 2012 officers attended the waste lan area situated on PARK PARADE junction with RUCKLIDGE AVENUE, NW10 after receiving reports that there were two (2) IC1 Males aged 25-30 years of age injecting each other with drugs( CAD 5647). Upon arrival it resulted in an area search no trace, however officers gained entry having to climb over a wall, inside the disused waste land officers discovered a vast amount of used un-capped syringes, some of which still had blood on them. Officers also discovered a large piece of tarpaulin over a small ditch next to the fence which is situated next to RUCKLIDGE AVENUE, underneath were blankets and other items to suggest that people are sleeping there on a regular basis.

**OKRT00412371 p228559 Nicholas GANT (OK)**

On SUNDAY 25/03/2012 between 0001 and 0100 hours the source was walking home on PARK PARADE, NW10, having been drinking in a public house in STATION ROAD, NW10. At this time VIW1 was a little drunk. When he reached the corner of PARK PARADE and RUCKLIDGE AVENUE, NW10, he accidentally dropped his mobile phone. There was a group of males six to seven males standing on the same corner. One of the males ran up and picked his phone off the floor and ran off down RUCKLIDGE AVENUE. The source asked the males left on the corner, who he believed to be associates of the suspect, if they could get his phone back. They hurled abuse at him instead. The source left the scene without his phone. At no time during the course of the incident was he physically assaulted.

A very limited description of the suspect is an IC3 Somalian male wearing a black hoodie (hood up) and blue jeans.

The source could not provide a description of the individuals loitering on the street corner other than were mainly IC3 Somalian males and two IC1 males.

CRIS 1908094/12 refers.

**OKRT00412568 p228559 Nicholas GANT (OK)**

On WEDNESDAY 29/03/2012 close to midnight and leading into THURSDAY 30/03/2012 there were three separate calls to police regarding a large group of males on RUCKLIDGE AVENUE, NW10, close to the junction with PARK PARADE, NW10. They were acting in a drunken manner, causing a lot of noise and allegedly smoking cannabis. They were also fighting.

Police were called to the location to disperse the crowd.

**OKRT00412679 p203597 Kevin CREEDEN (OK)**

On Thursday 29th MARCH 2012 police were on routine patrol PARK PARADE HARLESDEN at 1945 hours when they notice the smell of cannabis coming from the area of HARLESDEN GARDENS HARLESDEN

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Police have approached a SLIVER MG with two occupants within the vehicle

The driver was seen to be holding a cannabis joint and as police approached requesting the door to be open the driver has started the engine

police have managed to open the door of the vehicle however the vehicle made off at speed hitting a parked VAUXHALL SLIVER CORSA

CAD 8946/ 29MAR12 refers

**OKRT00406995 c085385 Richard PERRETT (OK)**

On SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2011 at 2010 hours I was on patrol in RUCKLIDGE AVENUE NW10 when I notice two black males loitering outside no 20 RUCKLIDGE AVENUE HARLESDEN NW10 as I approached the males they started to move so I stopped them the first male was X who is about F510 tall proportionate build short dark hair wearing a green jacket and blue jeans the second male was X about 509 tall slim build black afro and was wearing a black jacket blue jeans checks were completed which were satisfactory and they then went on there way the males are know for burglary

**OKRT00412190 p220696 Nicky DOLBEAR (OK)**

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The informant states that there is one main person who is always there and appears to be the ring leader. States he appears to speak to the younger youths who go off to a nearby empty garage area and then come back, and that also other people walk up to them, or arrive in cars, they appear to pass things between them and then either walk off or drive off.

Infnt states this one main male has been seen by her partner to be out there all evening and seen with a large roll of money. She said that the residents are becoming intimidated about the group which can be 20+ strong, and that they congregate by the businesses in this area. She has made contact with the local SNT who are assisting with enquiries about gating etc.

Main suspect is described as dark skin IC3M, small F502, and always wears grey fleece with zip and hood. He doesnt appear to have a vehicle and does not live in the immediate area. She states that in the last 4-5 weeks there has been an increase in the amount of people and time that they spend there. On this occassions police were called and attended (CAD 6631 of 20/03/2012), and one of the males was taken by police, reason unknown.

Residents called again at 20:37hrs (CAD 9243) regarding the same male. Police attended again, near to WILLOWS TERRACE and the group starbusrt. Officers carried out a thorough search of the location, and according to a resident, they found and removed an item from underneath a parked white van at the location. Police have then left, and the resident stated that the group started to emerge again, and were looking underneath the van with the torches from their mobiles, not looking very happy.

The resident from the second call describes the small male exactly as before, and has also seen him with roles of money in his hand. He said they appear to move round the corner towards a club or restaurant called Casa Nosa to do their deals, he has also seen them searching in nearby bins and the electricity meter box for items.

**OKRT00412710 p207879 John RYAN (OK)**

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On 04/04/2012 at about 1700 hours the above male was stopped and searched in RUCKLIDGE AVENUE J/W RUCKLIDGE PASSAGE NW10 after reports of males dealing drugs - In the company of X were two other IC3 males who refused pars - All three males were searched with a negative result - The area they were loitering in was filthy with rubbish strewn around and lots of spit on the ground where the males were standing - To any resident in the area they would be an intimidating group to pass - Submitted for Kensal Green SNT who are putting together a dispersal zone proposal

For officers attending the area in the future apparently someone is filming all stop/searches that police conduct on this group/area.

**OKRT00412799 p228624 Lee TYRRELL (OK)**

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At 1345hrs on TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2012 information was received via the KENSAL GREEN SNT ward mobile stating that there were six IC3 males all in there early twenties smoking drugs and loitering next to the alleyway on RUCKLIDGE AVENUE which runs onto HIGH STREET HARLESDEN, NW10.  
This is an ongoing issue.

**OKRT00412952 p220696 Nicky DOLBEAR (OK)**

Information was received through QD Grip centre on speaking to the informant following CAD 7182 of 13/04/2012.

Infnt is a resident at RICKLIDGE AVENUE, NW10. He said that there is regulary the same group of IC3M hanging around the address. He states that this happens pretty much on a daily basis and they are there throughout the day and evening. He said that they are fighting, drinking and openly using and dealing drugs. He states that there are three main people, IC3M who are always there and has seen them openly with a large bag of cannabis showing it to the other people in the group. He said that they either smoke it or they appear to be selling it to other youths that turn up on bikes or vehicles.

He describes the main people as follows:

IC3M, A/A early to mid 20s, always wears his hood up and is shorter than average which makes him look younger than he is

IC3M Somalian with afro who alwasy wears a jacket with a dark sky blue shoulders and hood and beige everywhere else

IC3M always wears a Gucci head band

He states that they rarely carry the drugs on them as police regulary arrive. He said that opposite the Design Works there is a fence that has a burn out hole in it that hasnt been repaired. They hide the drugs in this hole and only get it when they want some or someone else comes to buy some.

SNT are aware.

**OKRT00413035 c708326 Giselle AUGUSTE (OK)**

On TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012 at approximately 1100hours officer's carrier out a follow up visit in RUCKLIDGE AVENUE NW10. The informant informed officers of possible drug dealing taking place on RUCKLIDGE AVENUE and RUCKLIDGE PASSAGE NW10. Information was also given of a fight taking place on SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2012 at approximately 0100hours screams were heard. The informant states that the individuals concerned are the usual males which congregated outside RUCKLIDGE PASSAGE and DESIGN WORKS NW10. They are IC3 male's approx 20-25 years old wearing dark clothing.

**Evidence taken from the crime reporting system, CRIS:**

The police crime reporting system, CRIS, was searched between October 22, 2011, to date. The research clearly shows that a vast number of crimes have been reported within the proposed dispersal zone. This research, however, only shows the crimes that have been reported by members of the public. Having spoken to residents that live within the proposed dispersal zone it is apparent that members of the public would be reporting more incidents if they didn't fear the repercussions from the youths that loiter in the area. The crime reporting system, CRIS, is not a true reflection of the number of incidents at the location because they are not always being reported. The crimes that have been reported within the dispersal zone since October 1, 2011, include: grievous bodily harm, actual bodily hard, common assault, assault police, criminal damage, criminal damage to motor vehicle, theft from motor vehicle, arson, affray, Public Order S.4, racially aggravated Public Order S.4, Public Order S.4a, Public Order S.5, theft, robbery, burglary, snatch, shoplifting, pickpocket, handling stolen goods, drunk and disorderly, possession of a class A drug, possession of a class B drug, obstructing a drugs search, driving offences, exposure, fraud by false representation, harassment and racial harassment.

**Examples of anti-social behaviour CRIS reports and other relevant offences. This list is not exhaustive:**

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- 1928817/11 - Males fighting resulting in criminal damage to a motor vehicle
- 1929034/11 - A drunk and disorderly male making threats in the street
- 1929332/11 - Two males fighting in the street amounting to affray
- 1932772/11 - Males drunkenly fighting in the street resulting in a common assault
- 1932234/11 - Robbery of mobile phone
- 1934148/11 - Possession of a class A drug, namely cocaine
- 1929446/11 - S.5 Public Order, urinating in the street
- 1930061/11 - Possession of a class A drug, namely crack cocaine
- 1931645/11 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1941646/11 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1932457/11 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1900587/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1903093/12 - Criminal damage to motor vehicle
- 1903973/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1904964/12 - Criminal damage to motor vehicle
- 1906879/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1907067/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1907766/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1908714/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1909474/12 - Section 5. Public Order, drinking and swearing
- 1900464/12 - Knife-point robbery
- 1900471/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1901712/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1904346/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1906574/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1906616/12 - Robbery of personal property
- 1907058/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1907605/12 - S.5 Public Order, an argument involving the throwing of urine

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- 1907716/12 - Possession of a class B drug, namely cannabis
- 1907805/12 - S.5 Public Order, dropping of trousers following a drug-related incident
- 1908094/12 - Theft of a mobile phone by a group of males after the victim dropped it
- 1909270/12 - Possession of a class A drug, namely cocaine

This statement documents that there is a very serious problem with anti-social behaviour on the junction of Park Parade and Rucklidge Avenue, NW10, and the surrounding roads. Kensal Green SNT is inundated with telephone calls and emails stating that there are large groups of youths engaging in anti-social behaviour and general criminality at all times of day including into night time hours. The gangs' very presence in the area has made many residents fearful to leave their own homes and made the area effectively a no-go zone for other members of the public. The residents' complaints have been verified by the fact that when police attend they have witnessed the said anti-social behaviour and criminality and the perpetrators have been dealt with accordingly.

The London Borough of Brent is a Controlled Drinking Zone and has been effective in other parts of the borough but it has had little or no impact whatsoever on the individuals that loiter in the described area. They drink alcohol and discard the bottles and cans and other litter on the floor. The gangs also smoke drugs in the designated area. These actions adversely impact the residents' very day-to-day routine and they are scared to go outside and it also hits businesses' profits and consumers are not keen to visit the area because of the groups gathering on the street.

Over the past six months the police, in particularly Kensal Green SNT, has made every effort to directly combat the problems of ASB and criminality in the area. Such actions include high-visibility patrols and pro-active operations which resulted in a number of stop and searches (where appropriate) and arrests for a variety of offences. Furthermore, good intelligence has been gathered during the statement gathering process regarding the situation in the stated area. In addition, the Brent police CCTV van has been deployed on the junction of Park Parade and Rucklidge Avenue, NW10, and the surrounding roads. The van has been used for three purposes. Firstly, to capture and record on video the perpetrators of the anti-social behaviour and criminality. Secondly, to dissuade the gangs of youths from loitering in the stated area. Thirdly, to provide reassurance to the local residents by having a high profile police presence in the area.

Between the dates of April 21 to October 21, 2011, there was a dispersal zone in place that was similar to the proposed dispersal zone as per this application. This zone was as follows: High Street junction with Park Parade, Park Parade to Harlesden Gardens to junction with Crownhill Road along to Sellons Avenue to Park Parade junction with Wrotesley Road, Wrotesley Road back along Park Parade to junction with Leghorn Road along to Furness Road. Whilst this dispersal zone was in place the Kensal Green SNT successfully enforced the zone through high-visibility patrols, stop and account/searches (where appropriate) and moving groups of youths from the area. With the enforcement of the dispersal zone the problems were largely resolved.

Unfortunately, once the dispersal zone concluded its period of enforcement the anti-social behaviour returned in certain sections of it. Police no longer had this added power to help resolve the ASB issues. Furthermore, with the onset of the summer months and their lighter evenings, the frequency of anti-social behaviour is increasing. That said, it hasn't returned in all areas of the previous dispersal zone hence why the roads covered in this new application is different and is as follows:

**Park Parade (from the junction with High Street to Sellons Avenue), Rucklidge Avenue (from the junction with Park Parade to Furness Road), Leghorn Road (from the junction with Park Parade to Furness Road), Harlesden Gardens (junction with Park Parade to Crownhill Road), Manor Park Road (from the junction of High Street to Crownhill Road).**

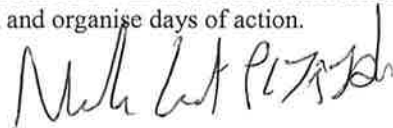
Unfortunately there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour on Manor Park Road, hence its inclusion to the application for a dispersal zone. Youths are gathering along the road, particularly outside the Misty Moon public house. This was a particular concern as raised in a recent Pubwatch meeting. From the previous dispersal zone the following roads are not being applied for renewal: Park Parade (junction with Sellons Avenue to Wrotesley Road), Sellons Avenue (junction with Park Parade to Crownhill Road) and Springwell Avenue (junction with Park Parade to Sellons Avenue). These roads have not seen the return of the anti-social behaviour.

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Continuation of Statement of PC Nick GANT 7570h

The application for a dispersal zone is a last resort. Kensal Green SNT have used many methods in attempting to resolve the anti-social behaviour but as yet have not been successful. Kensal Green is a busy ward and has a lot of other problems such as robbery, burglary and graffiti but the issue that continues to surface the most is the anti-social behaviour around the junction of Rucklidge Avenue and Park Parade and the surrounding roads. We get more telephone calls and emails about it than any other issue and we get stopped in the street because people want to know what we're doing about it. On more than one occasion when I have stopped to talk to someone on Rucklidge Avenue about the anti-social behaviour I am then surrounded by other concerned residents that want a solution to the problem. The residents in the proposed dispersal zone are fully behind its application. They saw the benefits of the similar dispersal zone that was in place before and want it to return. The residents, people who work in the area and the business holders are at the end of their tether. They no longer want to be tormented, intimidated or be in fear just by going about their day-to-day lives. They want police action now.

Whilst the previous dispersal zone was successful in resulting the anti-social behaviour in part of the zone (as why those areas are not being applied for again) this dispersal zone needs to find a positive result to all of the new dispersal zone. Kensal Green SNT will take on the majority of the policing of the dispersal zone in partnership with Harlesden SNT. However, other pan-borough teams and departments will also be fully briefed of the dispersal zone. Such teams include all the response teams, the Territorial Support Group and the Local Policing Teams. This will be done via the Borough Intelligence Unit and the daily briefings. In addition, both the council and mobile police CCTV fans will be used to record and dissuade groups of youths from loitering in the described areas. Where possible the footage will be used to identify those who are breaching the dispersal zone and potentially applications for ASBOs can be made for repeat offenders. In addition, the two SNTs will proactively patrol the area when stop reach/account (where appropriate) individuals and groups that are loitering in the area and weapons and drugs sweeps will take place. Kensal Green SNT will also seek to take a multi-agency approach by liaising with Brent Council is possible tactics of youth diversion and organise days of action.



Signature: Nick Gant Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_