

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: **Ged HASSE**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.

Witness Signature: Date: **10/10/2015**

I write this statement to support a letter of objection to an alcohol licence application by Brent Police.

This statement relates to anti social behaviour on Kilburn High Road NW6.

I have the full backing of the Kilburn Ward Panel and many more residents / business owners when I say that we don't need this on the High Road. We have too many betting shops, which attract street drinkers / drug dealers not to mention shops that sell alcohol, some already in breach of their licensing conditions.

Waterloo Passage is being used by drug dealers, prostitutes and anyone else passing through as a toilet. Residents will say that in the hot summer months the stench and smell of urine increases ten fold and becomes unbearable. Local residents have asked for the passage to be gated off because of the anti social behaviour which will not happen as it serves as a fire exit for some properties and so on.

There are many recent police reports which detail anti social behaviour and criminal behaviour on Kilburn High Road. Some of those incidents are very serious in nature and often violent incidents. Michael Constant is mentioned on one of those reports. He is an individual that has no self control when he consumes alcohol and will often turn violent towards members of the public and police when called to deal with him.

Some of the incidents recorded by police often occurred during the evenings and late at night. There are members of the public like Casey O'Toole, Craig Martin, Sonia Clayton and Abdul Khan who frequent the High Road on almost a daily basis. All involved in theft, drugs and alcohol misuse.

A 24 hours licensed premises become a problem for us when we don't have the staff to police it. Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been reduced in size with all teams consisting of one or two officers. Safer Neighbourhood Teams don't work nights. If anything happens it's down to response teams to deal with and you only need one or two major crime scenes to stretch them out to breaking point. Just this weekend we had three major scenes on the borough. One murder, one attempted murder and a police shooting.

The A5 is also one of the main corridors in and out of London which makes it a very busy area at anytime of the day. I would also add that we have extremely vulnerable individuals in supported housing on Kilburn High Road (Crown House) and on the South Kilburn Estate (St Mungos). These individuals are all alcoholics and most suffer from severe depression. A shop that sells alcohol 24/7 will not help these individuals one bit nor will the local community benefit from it in any way.

We have gangs that operate in the area which has let to shootings and stabbings. An innocent woman, Sabrina Gachette was gunned down in 2013 just down the road from 225 Kilburn High Road. I don't need to say anymore.

Witness Signature:

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