

## 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: Gopal GUPTA

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: LANDLORD

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: 26/08/2022

This statement relates to my a CLOSURE ORDER for CAMELIA LOUNGE, 36 PARK PARADE NW10

I am the above named person and I am the owner of the premises. I have owned this property since 2014.

I have been made aware of the activity that has taken place in/around CAMELIA LOUNGE by an estate agent as he received a letter in relation to a CLOSURE ORDER being heard on 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022 at WILLESDEN MAGISTRATES COURT for CAMELIA LOUNGE NW10.

CAMELIA LOUNGE, 36 PARK PARADE NW10 currently has a 15 year lease starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 and ending on the 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2030, the lease was held by a Mr Chawki SEFSOUF.

In the lease agreement on *PAGE 13 CLAUSE J NO UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES* it states "NOT TO USE OR OCCUPY THE PREMISES FOR OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ILLEGAL OR IMMORAL PURPOSE OR ANY PURPOSE WHICH MAY CAUSE THE LANDLORDS PROPERTY OR ANY OTHER PROPERTY NOT TO COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE LAW."

I do not live around the area however have been told by ESTATE AGENTS that residents are unhappy due to the open drug dealing in HARLESDEN.

Should this have been sold from my premises I do not support this behaviour or illegal activity under any circumstances.

I have not been informed fully regarding the investigation as this is a CRIMINAL MATTER however objectively if illegal activity is taking place at my premises I do not support this and the Police should take positive action to enforce the law.

If the information provided by the police is correct and true then I would support temporary closing order This is conditional on the basis that illegal activity has taken place at my premises and this is in breach of the terms of the lease

Witness Signature: ..... Signature Witnessed by Signature: ..... 

Continuation of Statement of:  
I will additionally be looking into this as a LANDLORD in order  
to terminate the lease.

Witness Signature: ..... 

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