

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of:

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

This statement (consisting of 2 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: 08/06/2022

I am the Dedicated Football Officer for Wembley Stadium and Central London, working in the Central Football Unit of MO6 (Public Order and Resources Command) of the Metropolitan Police Service. I have been working regularly within Football Intelligence deployments since 2004 and have been working full time as a Dedicated Football Officer since 2010. I have been the Dedicated Football Officer for Wembley Stadium since November 2021. Since Wembley Stadium officially reopened in May 2007, I have been deployed at the majority of football fixtures there, in an intelligence or Operational Football Officer role.

For many years I have found the policing of Wembley Stadium to be a frustrating role due to the high levels of intoxication and the resulting elevated levels of antisocial behaviour that is a direct result of the alcohol consumption amongst a significant number of supporters. The correlation between levels of intoxication and patterns of behaviour including antisocial behaviour and pockets of disorder are clear to see.

Over the years, particularly at the large, more high profile fixtures, I have witnessed a large amount of problems that were either directly or indirectly related to the consumption of alcohol around the Wembley area. This included large gatherings of supporters drinking in public places, such as Olympic Way, Market Square and the green at Wembley Hill Road at the bottom of Dagmar Avenue. I have witnessed a high correlation between this street drinking and antisocial and low level criminal behaviour. This includes verbal abuse and other low level public order offences but on many occasions this escalated into pockets of disorder. Where supporters gathered to drink, they had little incentive to move on. These gatherings would often lead to large quantities of alcohol being consumed in a relatively short period which resulted in littering, public urination and large vociferous, boisterous groups of fans who presented significant challenges to the policing operation.

There were flash points along Olympic Way when groups of fans passed opposing supporters who had congregated to drink and sing. Regularly this quickly deteriorated into heated verbal exchanges and often descended in pockets of disorder as groups came together. It was not uncommon for these groups to utilise cans of beer or glass bottles to throw at each other. This often happened for prolonged periods at the raised pedestrian way, at the end of Olympic Way, leading up to the stadium.

The problem caused by groups drinking, at the green at Wembley Hill Road at the bottom of Dagmar Avenue, was so severe that on more than one occasion, Brent council used temporary metal fencing around this green area to prevent fans from gather there.

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During England's EURO 2020 fixtures, supporters gathered in large numbers in open spaces to drink alcohol bought from supermarkets and off licences. These gatherings saw high levels of drunken antisocial behaviour taking place including 'beer fights', street furniture being climbed, pyrotechnics devices being let off, missiles being thrown and people openly taking class A drugs.

February 2022 saw a new joined up, multiagency approach to the enforcement of the PSPO. This new approach and a more concerted and consistent enforcement of breaches of the PSPO has had a huge positive effect on the area and the whole Wembley experience for the vast majority of supporters. Information on the PSPO has been disseminated via many routes including supporter and club engagement meetings, TFL, train companies and social media accounts of various agencies. The Carabao Cup Final, in February, saw over 3000 seizures of alcohol.

The reduction in alcohol on the Wembley footprint has seen a reduction in gathering of supporters and a huge improvement in the behaviour of fans both inside and outside of Wembley Stadium. Without the availability of cheap alcohol, supporters are less inclined to loiter on the footprint reducing the flashpoints that were previously a problem. This reduction in the readily available, cheap alcohol has also seen a significant reduction in the levels of intoxication. There is a clear link between levels of intoxication and antisocial behaviour and disorder. The lower levels of intoxication and the reduction in groups of males loitering to drink, has seen a significant decrease in pockets of disorder outside the stadium and the skirmishes and infighting so often seen before in the stadium itself.

Police have received much positive feedback on the look and feel around Wembley since the PSPO has been actively enforced and have experienced surprising little pushback from supporters when alcohol has been seized.

Ticket tout activity has always been prevalent around the Wembley area. This causes problems inside the stadium with supporters being in the wrong areas of the stadium, leading to pockets of disorder. The PSPO is being utilised effectively, particularly by the council, in disrupting, deterring and preventing ticket touts.

More recently the PSPO has been used to combat the use of pyrotechnics outside of the stadium.

Unfortunately the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act is limited to entering the stadium or within view of the pitch. The PSPO provides a power to deal with the pyrotechnic problem outside the stadium. The problem should not be underestimated with the potential injuries sustained as a result of pyrotechnics including: loss of limb or fingers, severe burns due to temperatures up to 2000°C, breathing problems due to smoke inhalation and loss of hearing or sight due to explosive power.

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Received: 15 November 2017; Accepted: 12 December 2017; Published: 14 December 2017

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This statement (consisting of 3 pages) reads, in part: "I have not read or heard anything about any 'conspiracy' or 'plot' and I make no attempt to say I am a defendant in evidence. I read the article's presentation of the case with interest and I nothing about it or to be able to comment on it."

I am the Inspector in charge of the Metropolitan Police Service-Central Football Unit. I have been working on football-related matters as a lead senior officer since 2005 and have been working on the Central Football Unit since 2016. Temporary Stadium is one of the stadium's I have responsibility for.

I have always had concerns regarding the levels of aggression that are seen at the stadiums around football stadium entrance days. In my most recent public speaking experience I was categorically asked that statement of footballers leading to anti-social behaviour, fighting and drug use, this is the case at football. There have been fight after fight between players/ fans at football that have broken up severely footballers have been involved in the anti-social behaviour and possibly that is causing substantial effect to public safety and also the health of the football community.

I worked every game of the 1986 tournament including the final at Wembley. I can only describe the behaviour of fans as 'complete madness'. The riot in the old stadium was a mercy, due to the behaviour of those who attended the Monday night game at Wembley in the Cupa Final.

Following the release of the film, there was a reaction by the public and the parents to enforce the current PMPC with a zero tolerance approach. Even with the existing movie, this has been very effective. There is a significant reduction in the amount of inappropriate and this has led to a dramatic increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour and disorder.

Police also effectively used the FRC to prevent riotous spending in the Florida area and to counter the use of pornography within the region.

Without the assistance of the FBI, I am absolutely convinced we will see more violent border attacks in the future — gunshot supporters firing, throwing gas and bombs, and following by cars that is detrimental to public safety.

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Statement made by **[REDACTED]** on **12/12/2020** at **10:00 AM** and **10:00 AM** on **12/12/2020** at **10:00 AM**

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Statement of **[REDACTED]**

Age/Date of Birth: **[REDACTED]** Place of Birth: **[REDACTED]** Occupation: **[REDACTED]**

I, the undersigned, being of legal age and sound mind, do hereby declare that the facts stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness Signature: **[REDACTED]**

Date: **12/12/2020**

I am the Police Inspector for the Sharnbrook Town Centre Team with responsibility for all aspects of Policing within a defined footprint that sits over Sharnbrook. This team was formed in line with a new initiative from the Metropolitan Police in December 2020 with 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 10 Police Constables deployed to this area. Sharnbrook was one of the largest local town centres that were selected based on an algorithm that considered crime, police time and efficiency between what policing the footprint.

The area covered by the team covers Sharnbrook High Road which predominantly runs retail, restaurants and local services based there. The team also has responsibility for Kings Way and Kings Road which includes Sharnbrook Park Lake Station. This area is quite residential and residential premises with the addition of some business units. The footprint also contains Sharnbrook Centre Station and Sharnbrook Station as well as two secondary schools.

Sharnbrook town centre has high levels of residents and shoppers present in numbers at most times of day. The footprint includes restaurants and local businesses that open in the evening. There are many people in the area who are employed by businesses in Sharnbrook town centre and Sharnbrook town which helps in a regular basis.

The station has presented a particular challenge for policing. At all requests, an officer or up to five people attending a small area brings considerable numbers of people to the Police. That figure can often be related to people who attend the area who then just have a look at the surrounding area and spend time in the station grounds in Sharnbrook Town Centre.

Considering crime in the area, the following are the most significant areas that have been identified over the last 6 months in the footprint of Sharnbrook as described above.

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Signature witnessed by **[REDACTED]**

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that occurred over time for each offense, with significant numbers of past convictions as well as shattering. The second measurement was apparent short offenses and officers' reactions made in response to incidents.

These items will not be subjected to enforcement or a police response protection order. Most of the items are the least harmful or available but are often controlled by people that are drinking, smoking, smoking or using drugs or other means. My team and I regularly deal with these items as they are in various places but are often offenders. The FORTC will be the best way to reduce violence within agencies to have a positive effect on the area for those that are there, also there is a lot of work to do.

In relation directly to events at the station, there have been two deaths in the past six days (February 2002 to June 2002) which were mainly from myocardial and coronary blood clots, atherosclerosis and/or aortic dissection, following the previous. As the movement in the last six days continues, there have been two more myocardial and atherosclerotic deaths and that have affected the coronary and aortic segments.

As well as running the University Boat Club, Fleet and interacting directly with the community, 1.5m plus public miles covered and an other-worldly event at Twickenham Stadium. This year, Fleet visited the Transcendental Meditation Center, Channarayana and the Channarayana, May Of First. Both of these events involved making use of the facilities that were at Twickenham. The strategy is primarily, manage shared resources, while of the stadium has a dramatic effect on the world of the crowd and the stadium has been at the stadium whenever what started is considered from. The problem is also that of Twickenham and there is well as managing, legal about what is considered that can bring, solutions, as well.

The following map summarizes all recorded events in the area of Monterey Open Space in the last 3 months. The different colors represent different event types and larger dots represent multiple events recorded at the same place or event.

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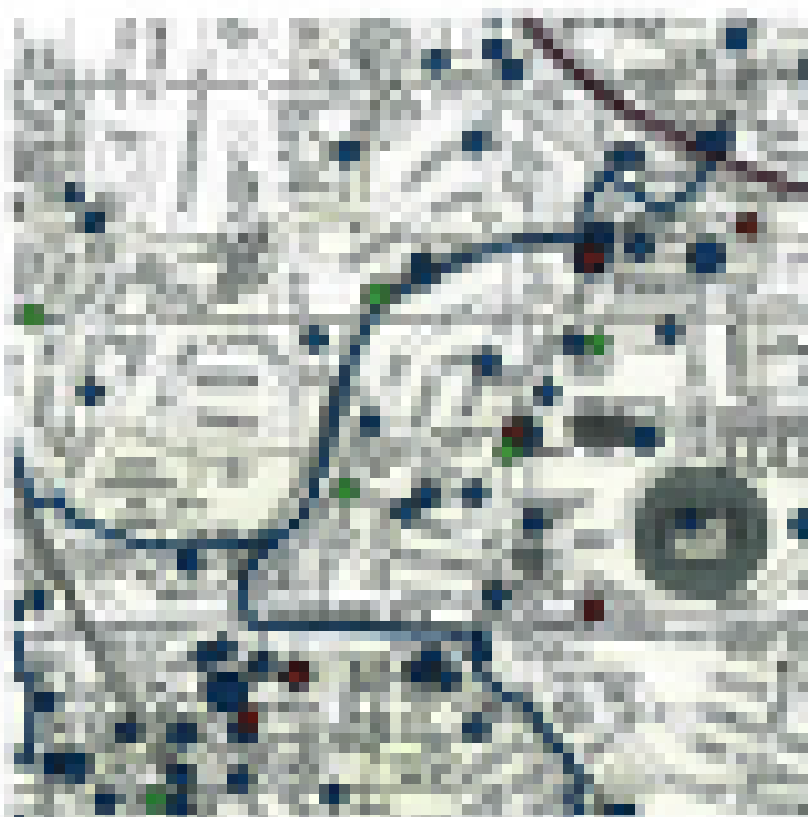
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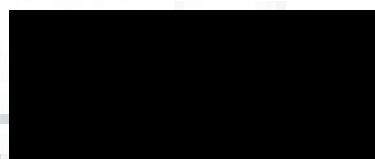
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The A38 map, in conjunction with the previous crime map, demonstrates challenge for the local authorities and Police in identifying Town Centre particularly with increasing numbers of cars. The Police will put additional resources to police events at the stadium which will increase in number based on ticket numbers booked. The officers are assessing the strategy to address these problems and I fully support this application.



Officer Signature



Signature Witness to this event



From:
Sent: 13 June 2022 17:27
To:
Subject: RE: Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Renewal – Evidence Required

The Euro 2020 Final at Wembley Stadium was blighted by unacceptable levels of casual street-drinking that ultimately led to shocking scenes of fan disorder and anti-social behaviour. These scenes created an unwanted world-wide news story that reflected badly on the organisation of the tournament, and on the preparations made by key agencies, including the MPS, the FA and Brent as the local authority.

The FA commissioned an independent review, led by Baroness Casey, to establish the reasons for the disorder and to provide recommendations to ensure there is no repeat in the future.

A summary of Baroness Casey's findings that are relevant for present purposes are:

- There was evidence of overnight drinking as early as 9am on the match day.
- By mid-day over 10,000 fans had arrived in Wembley area, many of whom had travelled in on public transport (buses, national rail and tube).
- Many of the fans were in possession of large amounts of alcohol.
- Some of the fans were already drunk on arrival.
- There was insufficient enforcement of the ban on consuming alcohol on public transport in London.
- There is a lack of enforcement mechanisms available to respond to (and deter) the kind of behaviour witnessed at that Final.
- Planning for crowd control for the Final did not match the 'occasion'.
- The reckless and life endangering anti-social behaviour that ensued was caused largely by people who were under the influence of alcohol / and or drugs.

The Review made five recommendations for national consideration and two specifically for the FA and Wembley and its partners, including Brent.

Recommendation 1 of the Review requires that the Government considers a new category for football matches of 'national significance'. The Review found that the majority of partners treated the Euro final as another match albeit a significant one, rather than an event of national significance. As a result, the security arrangements surrounding the Final were underpowered and public safety was not given the prominence it deserved. The recommendation requires that, in the future, there should be a new category for football matches of 'national significance', with the police, and other key partners setting out what steps should be taken for such matches. Importantly for Brent, as the Licensing Authority, this should include enhanced enforcement of bans on alcohol consumption in designated public spaces.

Recommendation 3 of the Review requires that the Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA), the events industry, the police and local government agree on a way forward on who is accountable for Zone Ex. The question of who was responsible for public safety on Olympic Way was a contributing factor to the inability to deal with the disorder seen in the build-up to kick-off at the Final. The police and stadium operators have for many years contested the issue of who is responsible for safety and security in Zone Ex (the area of public space outside the stadium used by supporters) and the financing of it remains a contested issue. The recommendation reflects that this should be resolved.

Brent gave its commitment to working with the key neighbouring agencies to ensure these recommendations are complied with in full. A new, energetic and more resilient tri-partite collaboration has been discussed and agreed with the FA and WNSL, and with Quintain. All parties have agreed joint action is needed to fundamentally improve and coordinate operations in Zone Ex on match days. All are now signed up to a renewed programme of investment in enhanced infrastructure and resources.

Importantly, a key responsibility for the Council was to review licensing arrangements with respect to

off-sales of alcohol in the local area. These are considered to contribute to problems associated with street-drinking in Zone Ex on match days.

We have resolutely taken forward a twin-track approach to review and change, as follows -

- A short-term (and ongoing) approach with the Police and partners to prevent alcohol off-sales to street drinkers at games. This is a statement of intent that sets a new culture on match days.
- This must now be married to a longer-term (and more intricate) process to change relevant licensing conditions at relevant premises in a more fundamental way. That will seek to impose a more resilient and fully consistent set of conditions that prevent alcohol-related ASB in perpetuity.

Licensing and enforcement interventions are therefore now imposed by the Council and the partner agencies for each match.

The arrangements that have now been agreed and implemented for each match are set out below –

- A full Council enforcement resource that has successfully exercised existing PSPO powers to enforce against street-drinking and urination, applying a zero-tolerance approach for the first time.
- Enforcement of licensing restrictions on retail premises within the PSPO no-drinking zone.
- Agreement with event partners to provide –
- Improved signage
- Dedicated drinking zones to contain and manage casual outdoors drinking
- Pre-messaging to supporters and the general public
- A full stewarding and policing resource to support the PSPO approach.
- Full training for these staff
- Bins for can/bottle confiscation
- A new Zone Ex control room for the event.
- Full commitment from the police to greater numbers and an earlier deployment compared to the Euro Final
- A commitment from train companies to ban the carriage of excessive alcohol on their trains to London
- Ongoing communications by the FA, the clubs, the police, BTP and a commitment to the need to educate and publicise a very clear message on this new approach

Brent officers have now worked successfully with the many off-licence premises in and around Zone Ex to advise on the street-drinking culture at Wembley Stadium events, the problems associated with the supply of alcohol, the effects of this on high levels of street-drinking and also their specific responsibility as retailers under their Premises Licence to assist in reducing this. Any failure by any off-licence to uphold the licensing objectives, may result in a review of their Premises Licence, with additional conditions or a revocation of their licence being requested.

These premises have been advised that since 2017 Brent Council has administered a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) across the entire Borough of Brent, which amongst other factors, aims to prevent street-drinking. It's been made clear that a reasonable response to the Casey Review is for the Council to make a commitment to eradicating street-drinking on Wembley Stadium match days by banning the consumption of alcohol in open public spaces.

Knowingly selling alcohol to customers who consume alcohol in the street is a breach of an off-licence's responsibility, as there is a clear link between street-drinking and the ASB and criminal and disorderly behaviour we are seeking to remove. In effect, it means that, if they sell alcohol under these circumstances, they would effectively be aiding and abetting customers in breaching the PSPO. The Council, for the first time, is now properly requiring their full co-operation to assist in guaranteeing a street-drinking-free zone during Wembley Stadium match days. In order to achieve this, we have asked that they only-

- Recognise those customers that are likely to consume alcohol in the street (retail is still possible to other customers).
- Refuse the sale of alcohol to anyone that is likely to drink alcohol in the street

- Refrain from increasing their store set-up to include additional alcohol for the purpose of match days
- Voluntarily cease selling alcohol in glass vessels including all wines, beers and ciders and where possible cease selling any alcohol on match days.

This requirement has been communicated to all premises and the response has been mostly favourable. The monitoring of compliance on match days is a key task as evidence is necessary for any firmer action to be applied at subsequent matches. Premises are still able to sell alcohol to regular local customers. The ban is on retail to obvious football fans only.

It is appreciated that this approach may be seen as detrimental to business but we believe that by using it to prevent the scenes of last year it is a very positive move overall, with the social and community benefits outweighing any inconvenience to the off-licenses. Our advice to these businesses is that this will help ensure the problems are avoided, it will remove pressures on them from drunken fans and will make Wembley a much more family friendly environment for everyone.

That is our clear objective.

The metrics so far around enforcing the PSPO are significantly reduced ASB, reduced disorder, reduced match-day crime, reduced street urination and significantly less litter. All issues that the local community had made know they wished to see resolved.

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Wembley Stadium Event – Example of Littering





PSPO Feedback

Wembley Park Estate Operations

PSPO – Notes for before enforcement

Prior to the PSPO, Wembley Park experienced high levels of disorder including but not limited to:

- Public urination on Quintain Living resident buildings.
- Public drinking resulting in:
 - o Excessive amounts of litter, principally beer cans, glass, shopping bags in public realm areas.
 - o Injuries do to empty alcoholic cans etc being thrown.
 - o Large congregations of drunk crowds limiting crowd movement in areas of the estate.
 - o Aggression to security staff, marshals and other staff.

PSPO – Notes after enforcement

On the event days we have worked, we have witnessed a stark change from scenes of widespread street drinking and often anti-social behavior, to a calm family nature and a much nicer, party/excitement environment across Wembley park. Event days now feel safer, the estate is cleaner, and animosity is only present at the most extreme moments, such as a slow egress on Olympic way.

Football crowds are always going to bring a different dynamic to a stadium event, compared to other events such as a concerts, these are still tough days but the risk and concern, in our opinion, is lower. The lower league football teams need to be treated in a higher risk category than what they are currently. We think they may be unintentionally over looked to some degree and in fact they like to come to make a statement and name for themselves on their big day to Wembley. Some of the most difficult situations we have witnessed have been from the matches on Sunday May 22nd.

There has been a notable increase in flares which causes issues across the estate and inside the stadium. The change of approach late on in this defined events window to proactively tackle this issue outside the stadium by the police was welcomed and very effective, we are sure the message will spread and we should see a reduction in this risk item.

Other summary points:

- Noticeably less concentration of litter discarded on the floor in the public spaces.
- More use of litter bins rather than littering.
- The spaces where drinkers used to congregate are more peaceful and inviting for all to use.
- A total shift in atmosphere, for the better, around the estate. It feels less tribal and less intimidating for non-football visitors.
- Queuing to get into shops like Sainsbury's has all but gone as groups of fans can't buy alcohol.
- Control on public street-drinking resulting in less:



- Waste in the streets.
- General Disorder.
- Gatherings of large disruptive crowds.
- Urination in public realm and residential areas.

It has delivered a calmer, more inclusive, friendly atmosphere for residents, local community and visitors including families.

PSPO - Notes for future consideration

- Dog walking on the estate, dogs must be kept on a lead.
- No more than 4 dogs to be walked by one person (or less depending on what others feel, we could go as low as 2 which would effectively remove and dog walking businesses).
- Dog fouling as an offence if the owner doesn't pick it up.
- All dogs must be under the control of the person walking them at the time.
- Noise pollution - excessive barking during silent hours (we have had issues in the past in the dog run so this would assist with control and provide actions to take against regular offenders).
- Pirate merchandise or indeed authorised merchandisers who have products that create uncontrolled mess and refuse. Leaflets and the like but also feathers which are continually being cleaned up from last weekend. This is an exceptional item not just a run of the mill expected item of refuse that is both costing and tying up teams of cleaners for much longer than it should.

I am the site security manager for Wembley Park Estate London HA9 and part of my responsibility is the public safety of large crowds of people on the ingress and egress of Wembley Stadium particularly on event days. Event days are mainly pop concerts and Football matches and other sporting fixtures which are typically attended by large crowds in the tens of thousands up to a maximum of just over 90000 people. I have been asked by Brent Council to evidence the use of pyrotechnics, mainly flares to support a Public Space Protection Order on the Wembley Park Estate.

I have noticed over the last six months a big increase in the use of pyrotechnics, particularly flares and especially at football matches. On Sunday 29th May 2022 it was the Championship play off final between Huddersfield Town and Nottingham Forest at Wembley Stadium and I was on duty at Wembley Park when I was asked by Brent Council enforcement team if I could provide evidence of the use of flares on the estate. Whilst on duty and managing my team of security officers I took several short video recordings with my security phone of the ingress of large crowds of fans from both teams on the main route from Wembley Park station to the Stadium, Olympic Way. (formerly Wembley Way). This was between 1504hrs and 1511hrs and I have taken screen shots of those video clips and I exhibit the screen shots accordingly the original video clips being available for viewing if required. The photos show flares being held by supporters and children on the shoulders of adults, flares being kicked and the scorch marks and damage to pavements which have to be cleaned after the event. Because Wembley is a residential area we have also received complaints about the use of pyrotechnics by residents.

Exhibit ARG/1 blue smoke flares being held on gantry above Olympic Way 29/06/2022 1504hrs



Exhibit ARG/2 Male adult kicking red smoke flare towards opposition fans Olympic Way 29.05.2022
1507hrs



Exhibit ARG/3 scorch marks on pavement caused by flares Olympic Way 29.06.2022 1507hrs



Exhibit ARG/4 child holding blue smoke flare on adult's shoulders Olympic Way 29.05.2022 1509hr



Exhibit ARG/5 adult male holding red smoke flare on Olympic Way 29.05.2022 1511hrs



Exhibit ARG/6 adult male holding white smoke flare on Olympic Way 29.05.2022 1511hrs



Over a period of two to three hours whilst on Olympic Way I saw well over one hundred pyrotechnics being held kicked and thrown. I am willing to attend court and give evidence if required.

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 01 Apr 2022 09:00
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Request - Sidewalk Stairs

Hi Mary,

The attached gives the PSPO details (attached).

The reason we have used off-sidewalk loading was something we have experienced there has been other public order incidents outside the store at [REDACTED] and that requires attention against the whole perimeter of our building. There's always a number of incidents around the building area where people have brought multiple crates of stock and moved them outside the shop area.

The reason is to make sure that the store is not more than the character of the shop area in the street and to be thoughtful for our customers as well as staff safety.

Regards

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 01 Apr 2022 09:00
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (Information)

Subject: Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Request - Sidewalk Stairs

Hi Mary, [REDACTED] - that's really helpful.

Regarding your question about the PSPO - there's not been a lot of public order incidents with staff or goods since the PSPO was put in place, but we certainly had some incidents when.

It's general for the area as the shop area used to be ground with a lot of stock and a regular movement of stock in and out of the shop area. The PSPO was put in place to make sure the shop area was safe and secure and to make sure the shop area was safe and secure.

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Would you agree with the PSPO, and is there anything else you'd like to add?

Best regards



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8th June 2022

Dear

Wembley Stadium Footprint, Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

I have worked for Brent Council for 18 years in a number of capacities. For the past 15 years, since the national stadium reopened following its reconstruction, I have worked at many events in an enforcement role, primarily for Trading Standards, dealing with illegal merchandise sellers and those unlawfully street trading without a valid licence authorised by Brent Council, in the area closeby the stadium now covered by the PSPO. For the past 9 months I have worked as Brent Council's Neighbourhood Manager for the wards of Alperton, Wembley Central and Tokyngton, which are directly adversely affected by events at the Stadium, such as litter and other forms of anti social behaviour. Wembley Stadium has been located within the ward of Tokyngton until a very recent (May 2022) ward boundary change.

Having monitored and observed the area around the Stadium prior to and then following the implementation of the Public Space Protection Order, I have been impressed with the positive difference it has made to the area, and how it has allowed Brent Council to protect the area from the prohibited activities covered by the Order. This is both on event and non event days.

A huge success of the PSPO has been the colossal drop in numbers of illegal street vendors (not including Ticket Touts/Scalpers), whose numbers at the majority of sporting events at the stadium, particularly football events, has been considerable for many years. It has been measurable that, following the PSPO coming online in 2020, after only a few warnings and issue of fixed penalty notices, the number of these forms of sellers on foot has dropped off to virtually zero at every game.

It should be noted that in the years between 2007 and 2019, pre PSPO, despite significant and persistent Council enforcement and partner resource going into tackling the illegal street traders on Olympic Way and surrounding roads on event days, including many prosecutions being taken against the worst and most prolific offenders through the criminal courts, the main, regular street sellers would persist in attending events to sell their wares, such as half and half scarves, flags and hats.

Added the FPOC has been effective, a number of new listed issues noticed, which in my opinion, resembles the FPOC for the stadium/hotels being visited. These issues are as follows, and no action are required:


- Waste/Collection of waste
- Litter on public land/areas to collect/consumption
- Pests
- Flooding
- Noise/Smog
- Lighting (Public/collect consumption)

When we review the actions able to be taken against/checked at the FPOC during the 2017 international football tournament, from 2005, closed in 2018, which began, which was flooding had a number of England matches as well as the tournament were held and how I found that the community enforcement that was possible as well as the FPOC being in place played a significant role in the general success of the tournament in terms of fan engagement and safety, and that sustainability and businesses in the vicinity of the stadium were not adversely affected by and could benefit as they might/should have been.

Since the beginning of 2018, when the enforcement efforts of West Coast is partnering with the Police and others have been focused more towards street cleaning and alcohol sale and consumption within the FPOC, enforcement put in place to remove alcohol from members of the public entering the FPOC at the main points of entry - these include: temporary flood containment barriers along the Olympic Way, flooding barriers and before the White Horse Bridge on the river side road, and South Way by the first main gate - the consumption of alcohol has been partly restricted to designated and designated fan zones. When these measures are operated correctly, particularly at the larger events, there is a very noticeable difference in how the area is used and how much of a benefit reduction in litter and alcohol on the public highway occurs.

In summary, there are many indicated benefits for the FPOC and the ability to bring about a cultural change in some circumstances of how entering the stadium. I would recommend that the FPOC is extended and its current and date, in at least its present form and growth or scope for a minimum of 10 years to next 5 years.

Yours sincerely,



Regional and Manager
Regeneration & Environment

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This statement covers the 100 events that took place at University Stadium during 2002 in
 2002 which I attended as a working capacity. Over the events I worked from 20 different jobs
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As this group worked alongside a local police officer and a nurse for the day, important work was an important experience within our integrated care (offensive) part. The purpose of work was to ensure that all students were aware of the importance of the work in terms of the safety of students under the police that was in place. All students were

complying with the directions that had been given, some had stated that they had been challenged by a few fans as to why they were unable to sell alcohol to those who appear to or are believed to be match day fans. There were incidents of street drinking that we had witnessed this was on Chalkhill Road, individuals were advised of the PSPO and order to dispose of the alcohol or make use of the relevant pubs which had been allocated to each club respectively, in the two service roads that lead off Chalkhill Road, males were seen urinating.

Later in the day we were at the bottom of the steps at Wembley Park tube identifying those come out with alcohol, those witnessed were informed of the PSPO and no alcohol and then directed to dispose of their alcohol in the two large bins either side. There were a few groups who initially did not wish to comply which then lead to us confiscating and disposing of the alcohol for them with the alternative being the issuing of a FPN. Some individuals headed towards Brook Avenue as there were fewer stewards / Police officers and therefore less engagement to challenge individuals. I had highlighted this observation to Senior Management as something that may need to be looked at a future events.

At the end of the game crowd dispersed with no major concerns.

16th April – Man City v Liverpool

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley park), the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place.

All business had good signage within their shop fronts advising fans / supporters that alcohol would not be sold. Some business stated that they felt that this was unfair as it was a loss of revenue. Spoke with a number of individuals who we witnessed street drinking along Bridge road, advised of Brent's PSPO and the reasons why it had been put in place on the back of the behaviours that taken place at Euros Final (2021).

Spoke with the manager of Ecco'La Pizzeria on Wembley Park Drive as there were a quantity of patrons from the establishment drinking on the street and not in the rear garden as they should have been. There was no individual (SIA) present on the door to stop alcohol coming out of the premises. Advised manager to get staff to usher individuals to which they had served alcohol to return to the rear of the shop (beer garden). Informed manager should there be further issues this could impact on the license. On the opposite side of the road, males seen urinating in the service road.

Large quantities of fans (both sets) were seen coming out of Wembley Park tube station with alcohol, those witnessed drinking or in the possession of alcohol were directed to dispose of them in the bins provided at the bottom of the steps. We issued a number of verbal warnings.

At the end of the game we had to deal with a male (Liverpool fan) who was having a heart attack outside of Co-Op.

17th April 2022 - Chelsea v Crystal Place

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley park), , the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place.

Spoke with the owner of the Crock of Gold located on Bridge Road who said he had noticed a change in behaviour / attitude of fans in comparison to the past. Less alcohol debris were visible on the streets.

On this event I could see that the majority of those street drinking were fans / supporters of Crystal Place, unlike the other events were it had been 50/50. I had been informed by the driver of the Veolia waste vehicle that a number of fans were urinating against the side and rear of the vehicle which was located in Lidl car park off Olympic Way. This information was

shared with the Neighbourhood Patrol officers (NHP) who attended with Police and issued FPN's for street urination.

At the steps of Wembley Park tube stations those who we were able to witness with alcohol were directed to dispose of their alcohol and explained of the boroughs PSPO.

A number of verbal warnings were issued as well as the confiscation of alcohol.

At the end of the game there had been concerns relating to congregations of the Crystal Palace fans (Ultras) outside of the Co-op. The group were given the order to leave the location and were escorted by the Police to Wembley Central station.

23rd April 2022 - Tyson v Whyte (Boxing)

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley park), the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place. Business had stated it may be difficult in some instances to identify those coming for the event as there are football shirts being worn. On this event I had nobody question me as to why they had to dispose of their alcohol. Individuals (males) urinating in the Lidl car park.

Crowd dispersed in an orderly manner

14th May 2022 - Chelsea v Liverpool

For this event the majority of my work was conducted inside of the Stadium with our Public Safety team, this was to observe the procedures that were being undertaken in terms of the briefing of stewards, the control of entry through the turnstiles by fans and later the observation of stewards once the game began. Within the stadium there had been flares let off at various points within the stadium during the course of the match, this escalated once the game had finished

15th May 2022 - Chelsea v Man City

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley park), the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place.

This was more of a family event with large number of children in attendance. A smaller quantity of individuals were directed to dispose of alcohol in comparison to other football events that had taken place recently.

Spoke with Veolia Manager at the end of the game, who stated that they had noticed since the start / introduction of the PSPO there had been a noticeable drop with alcohol debris / waste along Olympic Way and the surrounding areas.

28th May 2022 - Mansfield v Port Vale

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley High Road), the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place. Majority of the shops had good signage in place and were possible blinds over the fridges to remove alcohol from view. Along Wembley High Road we advised a number of supporters of the PSPO and the action Brent were taking, we confiscated and disposed alcohol from a number of supporters. We had been informed by a local residents that males were urinating in the alleyway next to the Best Western Hotel.

At Wembley Central Square spoke with union activist who were using a loud speaker to get their message across to the public, we informed them that this was not allowed and highlighted the signage that is in place to prohibit the activity.

29th May 2022 - Huddersfield v Nottingham Forrest

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley High Road), the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place.

On Wembley High Road, we approached two males who were walking down the road carrying a lit flare. This was taken from them and extinguished safely. As there was no NHP or Police Officer present we were unable to obtain details for enforcement.

Engagement took place with Licensed Trader to ensure products were in line with Trading Standards

Along Wembley High Road (WHR) we had noticed that all pubs had long queues outside, this had not been the case at any of the other footballing events.

Attended a call to Cerbul Romanesc (WHR), as there had been a report of a large over spill of patrons from the venue onto the street who were street drinking. On arrival there was nobody managing the door to stop individuals taking alcohol onto the street. Spoke with duty manager and advise her to organise staff to get individuals back into the establishment or we may have to call Police to enforce that they close as this is a breach of the their license. Street was cleared, advised duty manager not to allow drinking under the cover at the front of the shop.

Along WHR flares were seen in the distance, however we were too far away to take any action.

Flares were also witnessed along Olympic Way.

At end of the game witnessed male selling scarfs, these were confiscated.

1st June 2022 - Italy v Argentina

At this event I worked alongside a colleague, part of our role for the day required us to visit all licensed premises within our designated zone (Wembley park), the purpose of which was to ensure that all business were aware of the restrictions that were in place in terms of the selling of alcohol under the PSPO that was in place.

There were some language barriers to overcome as some supporters from both sides did not fully understand the PSPO, however we were still able to get individuals to dispose of their alcohol. Spoke with the manager of Ecco'La Pizzeria on Wembley Park Drive as there were a quantity of fans from the establishment drinking on the street and not in the rear garden this had then spilled onto the top of Oakington Avenue, confiscated alcohol from a number of supporters once identifying myself with Council Warrant badge.

In my opinion this event had more individuals street drinking, however this may have been as a result of the language barrier,

At the end of the game there we concerns around the cut through between Starbucks and the Networks home building this had been blocked off, however as a result of slow moving footfall to the tube stations supporters used this in order to bypass the static supporters waiting along Olympic Way. In order to avert a potential crush / stampede Brent Councils had to make the decision to open the fencing. This issue at this location had been raised at a previous event.

Having worked at a number of events during the course of 2022 to date, and having worked for Brent since 2003, I can say that I have noticed a change in the behaviour of those attending events, there has been less confrontational behaviour which can often be fuelled by the consumption of alcohol. There has been a reduction in the amount of alcohol that has been confiscated disposed of this is evident in the amount of waste as collected by Veolia.

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Statement of: .

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Signature: (witness)

Date: 21/06/2022

This statement is regarding the Public Space Protection Order in the Borough of Brent. I have been asked to write this in order to give my opinion as to the effectiveness of this legal power and its effectiveness on event days.

I am the Licensing Sergeant for the North West BCU in the Metropolitan Police Service and have been doing this role since January 2021. Before that I have done various roles in my 19 years of service, including policing various football matches at other grounds and at Wembley Stadium.

During the European football championship myself and my colleagues acted as 'bronze licensing' at the games at Wembley and I was present for most games including the final. On those days we patrol around the many licensed venues around Wembley Stadium and check on them and whilst doing so I observe the fans outside the stadium and in the surrounding area. During the Euro games I noticed a that street drinking by fans on the day was a constant. They would congregate in the street, usually outside the Co-Op, Butlers and outside the White Horse. As the crowd for the games was increased and England progressed in the tournament the number of fans increased in these areas with the biggest increase outside the White Horse. All of these fans would be drinking heavily from cans and bottles. I saw cans, which had alcohol still inside, being thrown in the air, smashed bottles and litter gathering in large piles. I also saw fans urinating and being sick in the open. Large groups of fans would all be grouped together and acting in an anti-social manner. It appeared to me that most were turning up without a ticket for the game and were coming to Wembley to be part of the atmosphere but many were coming to cause anti social behaviour.

I had seen similar issues when I was working at Wembley before in previous years when large groups of fans would gather and drink, usually on the green area opposite Tesco on Empire Way.

After the games I recall that there would be a large operation in place by the council to clean the litter and broken glass from the pavement and road so that it would be safe for people to walk through. It was clear that alcohol played a large part in the cause of this disorder.

After the European Championship final and subsequent review a new plan was put into action in order to prevent anti-social behaviour in the area. This involved Police and the council enforcing the public space protection order and speaking to Off Licences in the area to ask them to stop selling to fans who would be breaching the public space protection order as they would be drinking in the open as you are not allowed to take alcohol and drink it anywhere else.

Now when I work the football games I see still see groups of fans, but usually they are making their way to the ground or trying to find somewhere to go. The large groups of fans collecting no longer seems to happen and the amount of people seen drinking freely in the street has dropped considerably. Fans will be asked for their alcohol to be surrendered and most do so willingly. I have not seen anyone throwing cans, urinating in the street and the amount of litter has reduced dramatically. Also of note is how the atmosphere around Wembley has changed. I spoke to one person this year who was present at the European Championship final and they were back for the first time since. They stated they had to leave the final because of the disorder but that it was a lot better this year. When I walk around I see families and friends going to the game and whilst there are large groups of fans, they certainly appear less aggressive and are usually making their way to the ground.

I would also like to state that before the Carabao Cup this year I had to visit several venues to give letters asking the off licences not to sell to fans. Whilst there was some resistance from some businesses, most were supportive. Some members of staff remarked how uncomfortable they felt on match days and they would be glad not to serve any fans at all.

It is my opinion that the decrease in anti-social behaviour is due to the enforcement of the public space protection order and the support of the Off Licences in stopping sales to fans.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

Evidence to Support Renewal of the Wembley Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

14 June 2022

Background

I am employed at the Head of Regulatory Services for the London Borough of Brent. In my position, I am responsible for the management of the following council teams; Licensing,
5 Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Food Safety, Public Safety and Health & Safety Enforcement.

Part of Regulatory Service's duties, includes working Wembley Stadium and Arena event days. During these events, Regulatory Service staff and Neighbourhood Patrol colleagues
10 and are tasked with a range of enforcement functions which include prohibiting street trading and ticket touting, stopping unauthorised give always, leafleting or charity collection, overseeing public safety, preventing the sale of counterfeit and unsafe goods, controlling the sale of alcohol, tackling illegal advertising, challenging a range of other forms of antisocial or illegal behaviours that may take place and acting on behalf of Brent Council to
15 support the smooth and effective running of events.

Throughout my 23 year career at Brent, I have worked at the various Wembley events which includes both sporting and music fixtures, in addition to other markets or entertainment hosted in the areas surrounding the stadium and arena. Over the past 12 months, I have
20 worked at least 15 Wembley Stadium events.

Wembley Stadium is the national stadium of England's football teams and the home of English football. The stadium has a 90,000 capacity which frequently is met with sellout

events. The stadium is the largest sports venue in the UK and the second-largest stadium
25 in Europe.

Following the extensive redevelopment of the surrounding Wembley Park estate, working
with Quintain Ltd/Wembley Park and Wembley National Stadium Ltd, I have been actively
involved in the triparty 'Best in Class' initiative, specifically the Enforcement work stream.
30 Established in 2018, this group was formed to create a joint focus on controlling illegal
merchandise and ticket touts at Wembley events.

The evidence I provide in this statement, is taken from my own firsthand experience working
at Wembley events or is corroborated by other council business records which I have access
35 to in the course of my employment.

Brent Staff Working Wembley Events

Regulatory and Neighbourhood Patrol duties at a typical Wembley event, commence with
an assessment of potential risks beforehand. This helps us to determine the likelihood of
40 infringements taking place and provides us with an opportunity to calculate the numbers of
staff, the areas to be covered and the times that they are to be deployed.

Staff are usually split into small teams of between two or three officers. Where possible,
skills, qualifications, experience and officers powers are mixed up so that each team can
45 provide a broad range of responses to any infringements found.

Areas patrolled will always include Olympic Way as for any event, this is always where the highest footfall is to be found as a result of the access between Wembley Park Station and the Wembley venues. Thereafter, the area of White Horse Bridge is patrolled by Wembley Stadium Station and Wembley High Road down towards Wembley Central Station. Our aim would always be to cover a much of the area where there is high footfall from the various transport hubs. Additional areas are also covered such as along South Way, the Car and Coach Parks and in the various event spaces that exist in the area.

The best case scenario is that the area that makes up the current Public Space Protection Order, forms the footprint where our staff are likely to need to patrol. I would like to make a recommendation that the restrictive area of the current Order, is extended to the North to include Bridge Road and the businesses on the junction of Forty Avenue, including the large superstore.

These areas can attract crowds on a busy event day, serve as a popular spot for mini cab pickups and has several bus stops all of which increase footfall to the area. In addition, there are multiple cafes, a bar and large pub in this location which supports hospitality in the area making it popular.

On the day of the event, there is usually a staff briefing. The patrols generally commence a minimum of a few hours before any event is due to take place, but often, this can be six or more hours ahead of an event starting. They continue until the event starts at which point some staff may stand down.

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The Wembley footprint area quietens down once an event has started but ad hoc patrols and checks may continue to take place during this time. It is common for the patrols to commence again ahead of the crowd egress from the Stadium or Arena, continuing for the duration that the area remains busy. This is usually up to 3 hours after an event ends.

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During our patrols, records are made of each event by a Loggist working in the council's CCTV Control Room. There is radio and telephone communication with this member of staff as required.

80 In my role working at events, I typically do not get assigned a specific area to patrol. This enables me to spend time in troublesome or busy areas, providing additional support and/or giving me the opportunity to check in and receive feedback from all the separate patrol teams.

85 It is common for officers to record their actions and provide feedback to the Loggist by taking photographs as well as reporting in details of any anti-social or legal behaviours that they have observed.

I have produced a selection of photographs taken at Wembley events by myself of other
90 council officers which I produce as evidence to support this application to renew the Wembley PSPO.

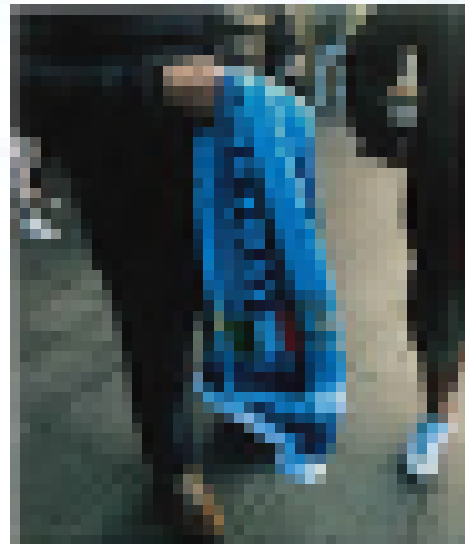
I am also aware that the data gathered by the illegal street market has been produced or collected by [REDACTED]. The reporting states that the number of earnings and/or

- (b) the person(s) who are selling at various community events. I can confirm that I am familiar with this data which is consistent with my experience working at such events.

Street Trading



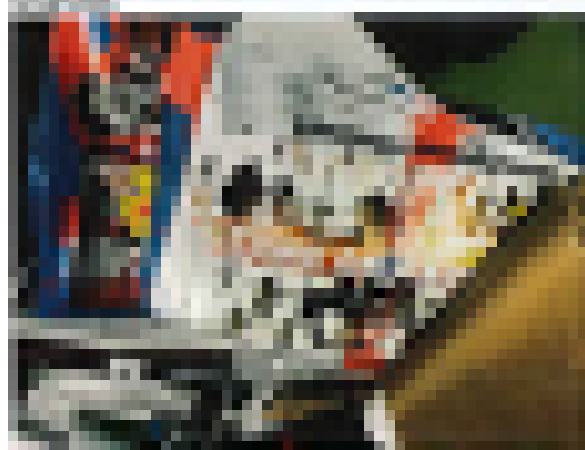
Person and I standing in front of a stall.



The street market stall with a stall sign.



Street market stall in front of a stall sign at the entrance of Victoria Park London. Street



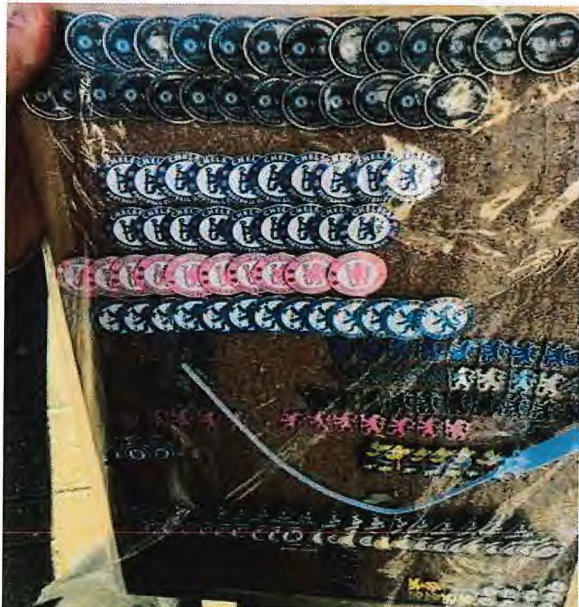
A sample of street market stall in street market.



Street traders carry scarves over their arms as they move amongst crowds



Street trader stopped with a shopping trolley full of posters



A supply of pin badges sized from a street trader



Match day flags being sold by this street trader who was carrying them about in a golf club bag



Ticket Touts trade at the majority of Wembley events



Two ticket touts being challenged

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Street Drinking



Congregating in open space to consume alcohol



The Green, Wembley Hill Road attracting gatherings of street drinkers



Contractors clearing away forfeited alcohol after visitors arrived with large quantities of drink



Beer cans placed on hostile vehicle mitigation



Rubbish including beer cans left by street drinkers



Sign displayed outside off license shop

Urination



Urination at Stadium Retail Park



Urination at Olympic Way



Urination at South Way

Ambush Marketing



Mobile advertising Engineers Way



Posters attached to lamppost



Mobile advertising 1 Olympic Way



Mobile advertising 1 Olympic Way

140 Pyrotechnics/Smoke Emitters



Smoke device Olympic Way



Smoke device Olympic Way, note individual is also holding a can of beer



Smoke Device Royal Route



Smoke Device from Fan Zone below the Royal Route

155 **Busking**



Busker under Bobby Moore Bridge



Busker Olympic Way



Busker Wembley High Road

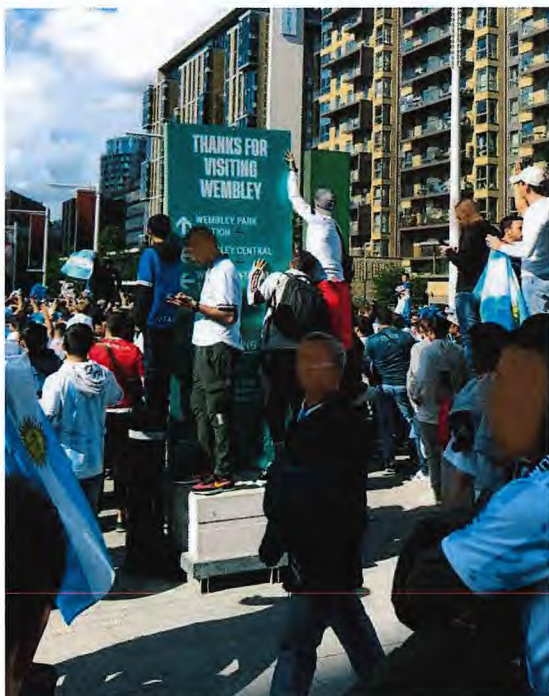
Climbing



Fan climbing lamppost, at the same event, another fan also scaled a tree



Multiple fans have climbed onto of a catering outlet's roof at Box Park



Fans standing on a Totem sign



Fans climbed onto the traffic management contractor vehicle



Fans regularly scale this and other fences in an attempt to find shortcuts to avoid crowds

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The current Wembley Park PSPO was implemented in January 2020 just ahead of the first lockdown in March 2020. This meant that it wasn't until June 2021, when sporting events were able to resume, that we were able to utilise the benefits the Order provided.

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Since then, the PSPO has been instrumental influencing the behaviours of those attending Wembley events. The Order has provided us with a mechanism to effectively deal with the particular nuisances and problems that are contained within it.

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Being able to prohibit these behaviours which are detrimental to the local community's quality of life and impact on the local infrastructure and public realm has made a tremendous difference to the look and feel of the events hosted at Wembley.

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Altogether, they support stakeholder's ambitions to provide a pleasant, safe and welcoming experience to the hundreds of thousands who attend Wembley events each year, to our residents who live in the vicinity and local business owners and their employees.

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I would like to recommend a prohibition is added to the Order to increase the controls currently available to officers. The pictures above include a number of scenarios where people are climbing. This creates a danger to themselves and others as well as in some occasions damaging the public realm.

If the Order could be extended in such a way that would prevent unauthorised climbing, I believe this would increase the safety of events as well as reducing nuisance behaviour.

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To conclude, without the Order, there is no doubt that anti-social and/or illegal activity would increase in the area. I believe the number of interventions and penalty notices issued to those who have breached the order since its effective enforcement commenced in June 2021, speak for themselves demonstrating the need to retain the Order for a further period.



Brent Council

By email: _____

14 June 2022

Dear Sir or Madam

PSPO Proposals – Wembley Park

I am the founder of the Better World Brewing Company. My company is in the process of entering into a lease for a bar and bottle shop in the Wembley Park development situated at Unit 7, Plot SW03 HA9 0FA.

My business specialises in the sale of specialist craft beers for consumption on and off the premises. As a result, a PSPO has a very significant potential impact on my business. I understand that a number of local off-licence retailers historically generated significant revenue selling alcohol to football fans on Wembley match days. However, that is absolutely not part of my intended business plan.

I recognise the higher level aims and objectives of the developer, Quintain, and Brent Council in promoting Wembley Park as a well-managed and safe environment at all times, particularly on match days. This helps to improve general standards in the area and therefore helps all local businesses and residents alike.

I therefore support any future proposal to maintain the PSPO and wish to express my gratitude for Brent's proactiveness in tackling some of the historical anti social behaviour problems, particularly those experienced on match days.

Thank you for taking into account my views.

Yours faithfully

