

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: DS 2393 MAZUR

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"):

Occupation: Detective Sergeant

This statement (consisting of2..... Pages(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: DS 2393 MAZUR

Date: 21/05/2020

I am the above named Detective Sergeant, working for Cambridgeshire Constabulary based at Parkside Police Station in Cambridge.

I joined Cambridgeshire Constabulary as a Police Officer in August 2008. Prior to this, from October 2006, I was employed by Cambridgeshire Constabulary as a Police Community Support Officer.

I have worked in a number of different roles during my time at Cambridgeshire Constabulary, including Neighbourhood Policing roles. As a Police Community Support Officer, I had geographic responsibility for the West area of Cambridge City. Between April 2010 and April 2012 I was posted to the Cambridge City Neighbourhood Policing Team as a Constable with geographic responsibility for policing the beat of East Chesterton in the North area of Cambridge. Since 1st July 2019 I have been the Sergeant with responsibility for the Neighbourhood Policing Team covering the geographic areas of the South and East of Cambridge City. This area encompasses the wards of Trumpington, Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's, Romsey, Abbey, Coleridge and Petersfield.

I make this statement in support of Cambridgeshire Constabulary's representation regarding the application for a new premises licence submitted by Azad SEKIN, for Brothers, 28 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 2AD, as completed by PC 446 METCALFE of the Operational Planning and Licensing Department.

This premises is in Petersfield Ward. It is situated in a Cumulative Impact Zone and, further, is located in close proximity to two areas included in a PSPO, Mill Road Cemetery and Petersfield Green. PC METCALFE's representation includes information on the terms of the PSPO and the Cumulative Impact Zone.

As the Sergeant with geographic policing responsibility for Petersfield ward, my team work in partnership with Cambridge City Council and other agencies both statutory and third sector, to resolve problems arising in Petersfield and tackle crime and disorder. Brothers Supermarket is located in the Petersfield area on Mill Road.

Since 2006, even when working in different areas of the city, Mill Road has been a hotspot for alcohol related crime and disorder.

On scanning our Incident recording system, CC3, for incidents with an Alcohol tag reported between 21/05/2019 and 21/05/2020, there have been 163 such incidents reported for the Petersfield ward. In the same time period, Abbey ward has recorded 122 incidents with an Alcohol tag, Coleridge, in which the Cambridge Leisure park is located, has recorded 88 incidents with an Alcohol tag, and Romsey, in which the other half of Mill Road is located, has recorded 84 incidents with an Alcohol tag.

Petersfield ward therefore already has a noticeably higher occurrence of alcohol-related incidents than all the other wards in the East of the City.

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Mill Road, and especially the areas included in the PSPO, has historically attracted large numbers of street drinkers and their presence can be problematic, leading to incidents of public disorder and complaints from residents about noise, litter and antisocial behaviour. The granting of a premises licence on this application will provide an additional source of alcohol for this already problematic group.

I am concerned that the applicant omits to include reassurances as to any additional security, for example security guards. While the relevant plans show that some alcohol will be behind the counter, the remainder will be on an open aisle next to the counter at the front of the store and within easy reach of the single access and egress point of the premises. This alcohol will be an attractive target for theft and there is insufficient target hardening, such as security guards, placing the alcohol elsewhere, or a larger secure stock area contained within the application.

The granting of an additional premises licence to Brothers is likely to contribute to and exacerbate existing crime and ASB problems in the Mill Road CIZ and lead both to a commensurate increase in the demand for Police response to reported incidents, and a decrease in residents' feelings of safety and security.

There are already 26 licensed premises on the Petersfield section of Mill Road. I believe that there is already ample provision for residents and visitors to be able to purchase alcohol from their choice of shop.

I do not support the granting of this new premises licence application.

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