

Statement relating to Burleigh Phone and Vape Shop Premises Licence application.

I am PS 1886 Kevin SUTCLIFFE of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and I am currently station in Parkside.

I am currently the Sergeant for the Cambridge City Centre Neighbourhood team. This team covers the Market Ward, the historic City Centre. This is a role that allows me to understand the issues and challenges of the area.

Whilst it is true that Cambridge is a very affluent city that does not mean that there are not issues, and one of the main issues that my team is tasked with dealing with is street based Anti Social Behaviour. Whilst there are wide range of types of Anti Social Behaviour which effect this area the most prevalent are Street Drinking and homelessness.

Burleigh Street is a busy throughfare for people travelling from Petersfield Ward to the shopping area of Burleigh Street, Fitzroy Street, the Grafton Shopping Centre and onwards to the City Centre. Close to this location is Jimmy's Night Shelter for homeless people. We already see issues of street drinking on Petersfield Green and along East Road as well as rough sleeping. There is also street drinking and ASB around the Grafton centre West Car Park. Historically there has been ASB issues in Burleigh Street and Fitzroy Street from homeless people begging, street drinking and sleeping in shop doorways. Joint working from the Police, Grafton Centre Security and the Street Outreach team have managed to reduce those issues.

There are also issues around the area of Christ's Pieces. This area has suffered with street drinking and associated Anti-Social Behaviour for a number of years. This area is a well used public space but there are issues with street drinking most notably near to the tennis courts, this area is right next to a well used children's play park.

As well as the evidence which has been directly gathered by my team and I, I have also spoken with a number of our partner agencies to understand what their experiences of the area are. The Street Outreach team who deal with homeless and people who lead a street based existence state that should this licence be granted then there would be a rise in ASB and alcohol intake in this immediate area. This will lead to more complaints and the requirement for more patrols in the area from Police and City Council ASB team. With easier access to alcohol in the area it will lead to an increase in harm to the individuals themselves. The fact that they need to walk further afield to obtain their alcohol is a restricting measure for them at present. One of the key times that ther will be an issue is between 15:00hrs – 19:00hrs when the street drinkers are migrating out of the city centre either to Jimmy's or to where they are staying/rough sleeping. The knock on effect will be an increase in rough sleeping in the area and shop doorways and substance abuse.

The Grafton Centre Management have expressed concerns regarding the issues that maybe generated due to this licence being granted.

The manager of the Business against crime partnership has raised concerns that there would be a rise in noise complaints if alcohol was bought from the location and then consumed on one of the many seating areas on Burleigh Street. They also see a link from the consumption of alcohol in the street and increase in ASB, violence behaviour. They highlight that Fitzroy Street and

Burleigh Street already have a significant level of ASB and retail crime and reminded us that this location falls within the Cumulative Impact Zone.

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