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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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Statement of: Colin Norden
 Age if under 18: O18 (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: _____ Date: 12/06/2012

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and a serving Police officer in Cambridgeshire Constabulary and have been since February 2006.

On the 2nd April 2012 I joined the Cambridge City East local policing team and I took over responsibility for Mill Road. Since taking on this role Mill Road and anti social drinking throughout the day have been one of the biggest issues I have faced. I currently have to task out patrols of both Police officers and PCSOs each day, there is no other road in Cambridge that I am aware of that needs such a high level of patrol.

When out on foot patrol both myself and my officers are continually contacted by members of the public reporting street drinkers using anti social behaviour towards them in Mill Road, Mill Road Cemetery and Norfolk Street.

It is normal for street drinkers to group together and drink on footpaths meaning it is difficult for members of the public to get passed without walking in the road. There is also an increase in the amount of litter in these areas e.g. beer cans etc.

When I attended my first local council meeting the number 1 priority for the police was to deal with the ongoing issue on Mill Road and surrounding roads and green spaces. I believe that all councillors at the meeting were in agreement about wanting police action to be taken. I have since had further communications from local councillors raising further concerns.

I have action planned the issue and am putting in place actions to try and reduce the level of anti social behaviour which will included increase licence checks as well as patrols. In terms of enforcement this is labour intensive and will further add to the resource need to police this part of

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the city.

Officers regularly give out section 27 notices from the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 which ban person from staying or returning to the area for a set amount of time.

In summary in the short amount of time I have had responsibility for Mill Road and the surrounding areas I had had to deploy extra staff which should be used in other areas of the city to deal with alcohol fuel disorder and anti social behaviour mainly by members of the street life community.

The feedback I have received from members of the public is that the situation as it is, is not satisfactory and from the foot patrols I have conducted I have on each occasion spoken to drunk street life members who have purchased alcohol from local shops.

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