

Statement relating to Kings Street Supermarket 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 to deal 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.

Kings Street is a side street with a mixture of commercial and residential premises and is a cut through to and from the city centre

Historically there has been ASB issues in King Street from homeless people, street drinking and sleeping in shop doorways and alleyways and using these locations as toilets. Joint working from the Police, the Street Outreach team, Jesus and Sidney Sussex college, Bidwells as well as Highline Security have managed to reduce those issues. The issues were having a detrimental effect on Students living and trying to study in their accommodation, other residents trying to go about their daily business as well upsetting customers going to local businesses being intimidated and put off by the stench of urine and faeces.

Kings Street runs along side Christ Pieces with a couple of footpaths cutting through making easy access to and from the park. This location is a very popular location for people to relax and enjoy the open space. There is a children's play park next to one of these entrances. Street drinkers and members of the homeless community do congregate on benches within the park which is an ongoing issue being managed by the Police and Cambridge City council.

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. The knock-on effect will be an increase in rough sleeping in the area and shop doorways and substance abuse.

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 City Council are continuing to have complaints of intoxicated individuals in the area, although this has reduced due to the work that has already been done and the weather.

Sidney Sussex College and Jesus College who own a lot of accommodation within the area have a duty to safeguard their students and have spent time and money trying to resolve some of the issues around Kings Street/Manor Place. They do not want anything that would facilitate further street drinking and the ASB which I have already described.

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 either on the street or on Christ Pieces. They also see a link from the consumption of alcohol in the street

and increase in ASB, violence behaviour. They highlight that Kings Street already has a significant level of ASB and that this location falls within the Cumulative Impact Zone.



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