

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B & the Criminal Procedure Rules**URN 21

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Statement of: **Nicola Bills**Age **Over 18**Occupation **Licensing Officer**

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Signature Date: 21st February 2018Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a licensing officer for Staffordshire Police Force currently stationed at Burton Police Station, our department cover the South of the County.

My role is to monitor both on and off licensed premises in and around the South of the County in order that the four licensing objectives are upheld.

One of my premises is The Locomotive Sports Bar, they are situated at 28 Station Street, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 1AU. This venue sits within East Staffordshire Borough Councils cumulative impact area. It holds a premises licence issued by East Staffordshire Borough Council and is numbered PL0610.

Records held by Staffordshire Police Systems with regards to recorded incidents that can be positively associated with the premises during licensable hours show that since February 2017 there has been 32 recorded incidents that have required Police intervention/investigation. The 32 incidents break down are as follows:

Violence against the person	14
Drunkenness	6
Public Order	4
Anti-social behaviour	4
Sexual offences - (not rape)	4

These recorded incidents therefore make this premises the second worst performing in the East Staffordshire Borough Council area.

Of the 32 incidents, 10 of these were between 1000hrs and midnight, and 22 were after midnight.

The incidents of note are as follows;

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1st June 2017 at midnight, a female was assaulted by two other females she received injuries to her face and head. The door staff intervened, the victim sustained visible injuries to her face and head.

8th July 2017 at 0100hrs two factions were fighting each other in the premises, there was a further call at 0214hrs from a member of door staff to a further fight, police attended and both the owner and manager were abusive to the Police Officers who were attending.

26th August 2017 at 2114hrs three males had a dispute with staff and were asked to leave, one offender told the door staff they would shoot them at closing time if they did not let them stay. Two of the males were later arrested for unrelated offences.

27th August 2017 at 0453hrs, member of door staff assaulted a male in the street. The male was forced across the street by the door staff member and thrown to the floor and left. The door staff then subsequently returned to the male and assaulted him. The male was rendered unconscious on the ground and left unattended. This incident occurred during an extension to the premises licensed hours. (This incident was captured on town centre CCTV and is included in my evidence bundle.)

On the 12th November at 2219hrs male inside the venue has discharged what is believed to be CS canister. Offender was arrested and investigations continue at this time.

On the 3rd December 2017 at 0150hrs CCTV report that there is a fight at the venue, incident report provided by the venue states that glasses were thrown between two parties.

On the 10th December 2017 at 0050hrs the Police were called to assist the venue due to reports of a male touching women. The male became aggressive towards door staff and was removed by Police.

On the 10th December 2017 at 0156hrs, door staff detained a male for assault and sexual touching, he was subsequently arrested for sexual assault and common assault.

On the 17th December 2017 at 2200hrs there was a mass disturbance occurring outside the male toilet area. Following ejection the fight continued outside. Police and ambulance were required (This incident was captured by the venues CCTV and is included in my evidence bundle).

17th December 2017 at 0305hrs, during an extension of the licensed hours a male was ejected for receiving oral sex in the beer garden, he was ejected from the premises and threw a bottle over the wall into the garden, he was then aggressive towards door staff, police attended and removed him.

24th December 2017 at 0249hrs, during an extension of the licensed hours, the venue requested Police assistance with regards to a male who was sexually assaulting females at the location. He was then abusive to door staff and the Police were called to remove him.

25th December 2017 at 0200hrs officers were called to the location following reports of an assault, Police attended but the male refused to engage with officers.

31st December 2017 at 0232hrs, during an extension to the licensed hours, a male reported being assaulted by another male in the toilets, the victim received an injury to his eye. The offender made off before Police arrival.

On the 11th February 2018 at 0057hrs, a female reports being punched to the side of the head by a male whilst leaving the toilet area. Investigation is still ongoing.

On the 12th February 2018, a female has made an allegation of sexual assault. This investigation is ongoing.

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Burton town centre is currently subject to a cumulative impact policy (CIP).

East Staffordshire Borough Council have adopted a special policy regarding cumulative impact with regards to the significant concentration of licensed premises in the town centre.

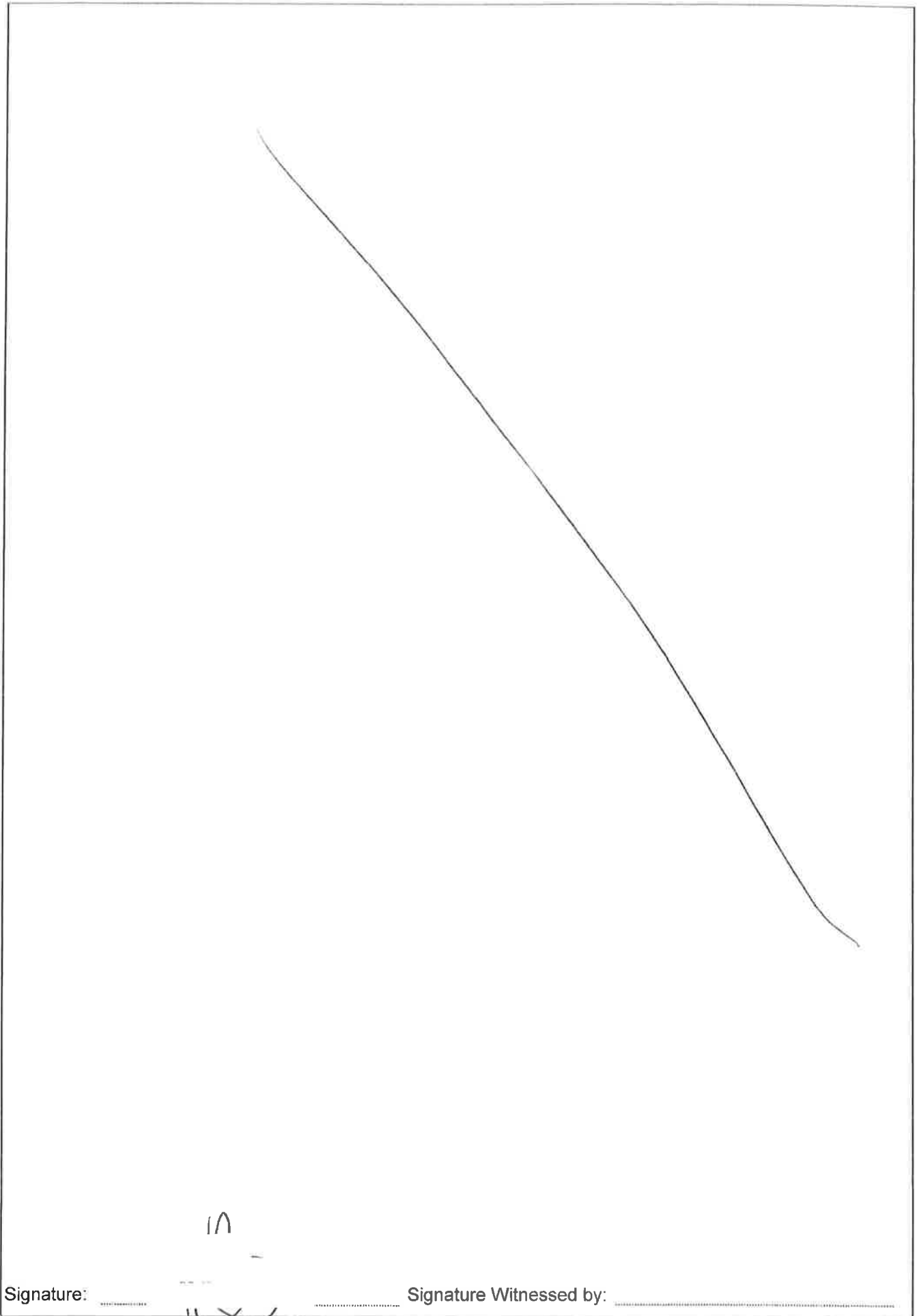
The Locomotive Sports Bar is included within the CIP and the effect of this is that there is a rebuttable presumption that any material variations to existing licences will normally be refused unless it can be shown that the premises concerned will not add to the cumulative impact on the licensing objectives being experienced.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Statement of: Steven Marriott

URN

Age (if under 18): N/A

Occupation: Police Officer

I am a Police Sergeant in the Staffordshire Police currently attached to the local policing team in East Staffordshire.

On 16th December 2017 I was on 'safer nights duty' supervising a team of officers in Burton Town Centre.

The 'safer nights' operation is implemented to ensure that visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience in Burton Town Centre during its night time economy.

During the early hours of this date I was made aware, via radio, by the CCTV operator at Coopers Square shopping centre that a blue BMW had parked up in one of there service yards blocking trade entrances. They informed me that the four occupants had ran into the 'Locomotive' bar wearing hoods.

I approached a door supervisor at the Locomotive and asked who the males were who had just gone into the bar. I do not have the door supervisors details. He looked blankly at me denying any knowledge of four males having just entered.

Checks were completed with the vehicle which confirmed it was a hire vehicle. It had also been left insecure.

A short while later the same CCTV operator informed me that the males were stood drinking and smoking in the smoking area at the rear of the locomotive.

This is an enclosed area but with a locked gate that you can see through.

I saw two males who I know to be linked with cross border drugs supply in company with two males who I do not know. The males were drinking and smoking, they were talking to another door supervisor, identified by his high visibility tabard. The door supervisor was also smoking. He appeared relaxed and laughing and joking with the group.

I was aware that at least one of these males had been involved in disorder at the same venue in August 2017.


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Statement of: **James Davies**

Age **Over 18**

Occupation

Police Constable

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 21/02/2018

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I am the above named person, and I work as a Police Constable for Staffordshire Police on the East Staffordshire LPT – Burton response.

This statement is to outline an incident currently under investigation regarding one James Ian [Redacted] who on the 12th November 2017 at 2215hrs was in the Locomotive Bar, Station Street, Burton on Trent and dispensed what we believe to be a CS/Pepper spray canister into the open venue with no apparent target in mind other than the open venue. This has caused instant irritation and distress to patrons, and the suspect has vacated the premises and later arrested following investigations.

Two accounts and CCTV have been taken from door staff – [Redacted] and [Redacted] who have confirmed they went into the venue after the event, and felt immediate irritation to their eyes and breathing capacity. CCTV captures a comprehensive recording of the incident which an ID can be positively made from, and part of the aftermath.

The canister has been sent off for forensic analysis which has not yet been returned, but based on general searches on the canister it is believed there is a realistic prospect it is a prohibited article.

I have had no further dealings with the male or venue at this stage.

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Signature Witnessed by: _____

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Statement of: James Hewson	URN
Age (if under 18): N/A	Occupation: Police Officer

I am PC 25193 James Hewson. I am a Police Officer for Staffordshire Police based at Burton Police Station in Staffordshire. I am currently on the Neighbourhood Action Team.

At 01:50hrs 25/12/2017 I was on duty working as a response officer in company with PS 5273 Curran also of Staffordshire Police. We were both wearing full uniform when we attended the Locomotive Public House on Station Street in Burton following reports of a fight taking place inside.

I entered the premises it was busy and noisy. I located the premises supervisor on duty to ask what had happened. I spoke with an Asian female. I do not know her details but I have seen her before on the premises. She informed me she was management.

I asked her what had occurred. She informed me there had been an incident inside the gents toilets. I asked who was involved. I was directed to the staff kitchen at the rear of the bar. Inside the kitchen was a male who provided me with the following details:

████████████████████ He was an Asian male, medium build, dark greying hair shaved at the sides and rear, longer on top.

He was sat on a stool with other members of bar staff present. I could see he had a cut to the rear of his head just behind his right ear. I can say on my experience this looked to me to have been caused by a weapon possibly a bottle. I could see blood coming from the wound.

I personally felt the injury needed treatment. When I interacted with ██████████ he was immediately passive hostile towards me. He appeared to not want to engage. I felt this was due to me being a police officer rather than him being upset through having been assaulted. In my experience in such circumstances any decent person that had become a genuine victim would welcome police help and attendance.

████████ I felt I was bothering by asking him what had happened and who was involved. I asked him if he wanted to make a complaint to allow me investigate the matter, he informed me he did not want this to happen. I asked him to sign my pocket book to reflect that. He obliged with the request.

████████ declined any medical assistance. He appeared to be annoyed as opposed to being in pain or suffering.

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Following this I left the kitchen area of the bar and the premises itself. I updated control and resumed patrols.

I cannot recall exactly what [redacted] was wearing but I do recall him wearing a tweed style blazer and dark trousers.

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Statement of: **Wendy Anne Kitchen**

Age Over 18

Occupation

Police officer

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Date: 20/02/2018

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I am the above named person and work as an IOM field officer for Staffordshire police working from Burton Police Station.

On 26th August 2017 I was on duty in plain clothes with a colleague, when I had reason to be sat parked at the side of the road in Stations Street, opposite the LOCOMOTIVE PUBLIC HOUSE." I cannot recall the exact time but it was late maybe around 2200 hours.

I was interested in a vehicle that had made off from the police a short while earlier and I had passed observations for this said vehicle which we believed had gone back into the town centre. The vehicle was registered to one of my IOM nominals.

This vehicle had three persons inside and was known on our intelligence systems of which the occupants are part of an organised crime group from Burton.

I was made aware by my colleague via CCTV that they had located the said vehicle and that the vehicle was parked behind the above pub and the three occupants had entered the locomotive public house.

I was also made aware by my colleague on the town centre radio that the three persons who had left the car and entered the club were involved in a disturbance inside and I could hear one of the door staff scream down the town centre radio calling for the police.

It was passed by the town centre radio that the males had been served the wrong drinks, due to this they had become aggressive and the information received via the radio was that threats were made to "SHOOT THE PLACE OUT".

I had no involvement in the incident as I was not in uniform on restricted duties but know that one of the males is one of my IOM nominals as I saw him earlier in the evening driving the said car prior to this incident.

I had no other involvement with this incident

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