

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: **Linda Colthorpe**Age if under 18: **over 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **PCSO**

This statement (consisting of 2 page 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: **Linda Colthorpe**Date: **09/02/2017**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I have been in the role of PCSO in Medway for over 12 years. For the past 6 years my beat has been Rochester High Street. My daily duties are foot patrol in and around the High street liaising with the local businesses, Cathedral, schools and residents. [REDACTED]

The problems I encounter on a daily basis are street drinkers, drug users, beggars. Some of these are homeless and have been offered hostel places which I have been instrumental in securing but they have refused to stay in them as they have more to gain from their nuisance behaviour.

These people impact on the community by causing anti-social behaviour which leads to increased calls to police. [REDACTED]

Rochester High Street and surrounding roads are in an Alcohol Control Zone.

The group of beggars frequent the High Street, sitting on the ground next to ATM machines asking members of the public for money, intimidating and frightening the elderly residents. They also sit in shop doorways making it difficult for customers to enter the shop without giving them something or intimidating them to by alcohol, food, cigarettes etc. Alcohol is readily available due to there being several outlets including pubs and restaurants in the High Street as well as in the surrounding streets. These people can be seen to hover around these outlets causing alarm and distress to other businesses and residents locally. [REDACTED]

Signature: **L Colthorpe**

Signature witnessed by:

Typed by: **Linda Colthorpe** [REDACTED]

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Continuation statement of: **Linda Colthorpe**

I have been told by members of the public that City New on Cazeneuve Street sell alcohol to these people and they can be seen to hover around the shop causing alarm and distress to other businesses and residents who suffer not only with the noise and litter from this group but also the annoyance of every time they leave their property they are asked for money and subjected to abuse when they refuse. The High Street is of Historical interest which attracts a lot of foreign visitors; these visitors have been verbally abused by drunken street drinkers which in turn has an adverse effect on future organised excursions. [REDACTED]

Signature **L Colthorpe** [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by

Typed by: Linda Colthorpe

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Statement of: **CHRISTOPHER MCCANN**

Age if under 18: **OVER 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **PCSO**

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Signature: [redacted] Date: **26/01/2017**

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

As the local Police Community Support Officer for Rochester East I have witnessed on several occasions instances where "The City Minimart" on Cazenove Street, Rochester has served super strength lagers and ciders to males who I know to be street drinkers. I have observed street drinkers who have been in an intoxicated state enter City Minimart and exit with cans and bottles of super strength alcohol. They then congregate on the green opposite where they shout abuse at passers-by. Residents as a result feel concerned for their safety, and believe that it brings crime and disorder to the area. I have attended several calls relating to drunk males who have purchased alcohol from City Minimart and have moved them away from the area. The problem is much worse in the summer, where street drinkers cause a public nuisance by leaving litter and letting their dogs foul the area. [redacted]

Signature: [redacted]

Signature witnessed by: **NIA**

Typed by: **CHRISTOPHER MCCANN**

RESTRICTED (when complete)

13 MAR 2017

Rochester.

9th March '17

R.E: CITY-MINIMARKET - Cavenueve Rd. Rochester.

Dear Sirs,

I have recently had knowledge of a court hearing regarding a potential removal of licence for the convenience store.

There is never any issues with this store and the staff are always helpful and professional.

Should the store lose such licence with a possible risk of closure this would undoubtedly be detrimental to the surrounding community. I am aware this store is open from early in the morning until late in the evening.

This allows me to obtain necessities when required out of usual shop hours which is of great help as a single parent. Also this store is only 30 seconds walk from my address.

I can only imagine this would be similar for many young families within the local area. Therefore I would ask the court to take these matters into account and show support for the store and support for the local community and support the store's existence.

Yours Sincerely

ADRIAN WARE.