LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 20 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 2 PM

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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
Statement of Peter Sparham URN:
Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Staff
This statement (consisting of: 2 pages 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 anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
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I am currently employed as a police licensing officer for the London Borough of Merton, I have been in this role for approximately 10 years. I have been a police officer for 29 years and a Sergeant since 1996. This witness statement is intended to assist the licensing sub-committee when considering the application for the premises licence at Tasty Chicken Mitcham Ltd, 173 London Road, Mitcham. CR4 2JB and is supplementary to my representations dated 23rd October 2013. In my representations I have identified four(4) offences specifically linked to these premises I propose to examine these offences in more detail.
1. 30/5/14 2250-2252 - Criminal Damage - Police were called to the premises where 3 males entered the shop, apparently under the influence of drink and/or drugs, caused a disturbance before throwing items at members of staff when asked to leave. They left the shop before smashing a number of window panels when staff tried to close the shutters of the shop. 2.13/6/14 2110-2120 - Attempted Robbery - Police were called to the premises where a male had threatened members of staff and stated he was going to take the cash till. 3. 13/6/14 2115 - Grievous Bodily Harm - This is linked to the above report, following the altercation a member of staff at the premises threw boiling oil over the victim causing severe burns. 4. 4/8/14 2345 - Criminal Damage - Police were called to the premises to a male causing a disturbance. The premises were in the process of closing and refused him service. The male then became abusive and urinated over the floor and shutters of the premises. When approached by police officers he was abusive and spat at them.
It is of note that of these offences there is only one that took place at a time when a premises licence would be inforce, however, in each case those involved were under the influence of alcohol. If the premises are granted a

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I am the Sector Inspector responsible for Policing across the Mitcham area within the London Borough of Merton	
Over the last 13 months police have responded to a significant increase in anti-social behaviour across Mitcham Sector a	(PG
particularly in the vicinity of Mitcham Town Centre and Figges Warsh. This increase is one of the highest within the great	(e)
London area. These incidents are not specific in their type or nature but cover the whole spectrum of anti-social behavior) U7
from uringting in the street up to and including attempted murder. Upon researching the issues it identified that a lar	*96
percentage of these crimes were committed by a small group of individuals, approximately 10. These suspects are embedo	lea
either directly or indirectly in a cycle of anti-social behaviour that impacts on them, their families and most of all the wil	İzr
communities.	
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Most of these suspects live within in a short distance of where they commit their behaviour

In an efform to control/prevent some of this behaviour a Committee Drinking Zone, was implemented across the Borough in July 2013. This has even partially successful and its inforcement has sent out a strong mussage to a wide section of the community. He wever the persistent hardone offenders have ignored this zone.

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Due to the spidemic proportions that the crime has reached, Merton Police have had to dedicate 4 officers specifically to rackle this issue. This thereby removes these officers from their other responsibilities. Due to this abstraction of staff this has hindered our ability to respond to emergency calls, conduct community engagements and investigate the most serious crimes

This is in addition to the increasing financial burden placed on the Police with Merton Borough having has its hudget reduced in the financial year 2014/15 and early indications suggest further cuts are likely 2015/16. All activities we undertake in respect of anti-social behaviour and those who commit this crime reduce the budget we have available to target other crimes.

this type of behaviour is known to have a detrimental effect on the community in general. They elevate the fear of crime within the area, increase the fear of strangers, it is also well known that the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour can be as debilitating as the crime itself and is a powerful stimulus in changing people's behaviour and life styles. This type of behaviour has a significant and sometimes disproportionate impact on aspects of the wider community and it is not ago, gender, sex, faith or religion specific.

It also impacts on businesses who are struggling to make ends meet in this period of austerity and tack of economic growth.

They are experiencing anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, gas sniffing outside their business premises this in turn is driving the customers away from their shops.

I fully support any additional activity or the use of any other legislation or power that assist us in preventing and reducing the fear of crime created by these few suspects. The use of intelligence and wher sources of information, will ensure the use of unit-social behaviour orders are accurate and a proportionate response to a real and serious threat to community sufer and confidence



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responding said street driken was the thing they had boot about himy in the than the general anger towards that have was highlighted by over 200 resident coming to a meeting on a Saturday where but usor discussed and that it not an easy thing to againste, so it really show the strength of feeling. I have attached some correspondence from residents detailing their concerns about street drikely and the associated problem and how it intach the community and their quality of life. One save this highlighth is that readents about most their children exposed to this schariour and its regardive consequences; seeing people fighting in the street, going to the toilet in public, aggressive begsing and generally making the area intimidating and valuables. I am happy to support the application for Anti-Social Be, haviour orders in relation the screet or river and an willing to attend court if necessary.

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