

Simmi Yesmin

From: Alan.D.Cruickshank@met.pnn.police.uk
Sent: 27 March 2014 11:06
To: Mohshin Ali; Simmi Yesmin
Subject: 389 Cambridge Heath Road

Dear Mohshin , Simmi

Please find below, an e-mail sent by Will Norman of Thames Reach, who works with vulnerable street drinkers.

Regards

Alan Cruickshank PC 189HT

Regarding the application to extend trading hours at 389 Cambridge Heath Rd.

The Tower Hamlets SORT team works with rough sleepers and those leading a street lifestyle in LB Tower Hamlets. Most of those we work with have drug and alcohol needs which either contribute to, or are the cause of, their homelessness. Alcohol is if anything the more damaging substance and we are seeing an increasingly high prevalence of chronic alcohol dependency. There is a particular problem with super strength cider and lager which can be as cheap as 60p per can.

When this alcohol is purchased late at night it causes former rough sleepers to stay out drinking, causing anti social behaviour and often not using the hostel beds they are referred into. The area in question is very close to a specialist service for chronic drinkers and no more than a quarter mile from another high support project for rough sleepers. The area is also an anti social behaviour hotspot.

We could not, in any way, support the application for extended opening hours. Furthermore it seems totally unnecessary in a largely residential area.

Thanks

Will Norman

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Statement of **Sulalmaan Iqbal**..... URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Staff**

This statement (consisting of 1..... 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.

Signature: PCSO Sulalmaan Iqbal 7210471..... Date: 27/03/2014.....

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

I am the above named officer and I am currently based at Bethnal Green Police Station where I am attached to the Bethnal Green North ward in the role of Dedicated Ward Officer. I have been a Police Community Support Officer since September 2009.

This statement is regarding City Supermarket Off Licence, 389 Cambridge Heath Road E2.

City Supermarket is situated only a few minutes away from Edward Gibbons House, 1 Parmiter Street E2. Edward Gibbons House is a Wet Hostel and usually houses released prisoners, alcoholics and drug addicts.

Parmiter Street used to be a Public Set Priority (PSP) in 2012 due to the high volume of alcohol related Anti social behaviour and drug dealing. As the Safer Neighbourhood Team that covers this area we usually receive complaints from residents regarding Street drinkers congregating on Cambridge Heath Road/ Cambridge Heath Station and Parmiter Street. In the last six months we have issued Anti social behaviour contracts (ABC) to some of the Priority Prolific Offenders (PPO) that congregate in these hot spots (HTRT00392568, HTRT00391452).

The Anti social behaviour issues surrounding this location were discussed in the latest Safer Neighbourhood Team walkabout which was on 21/03/2014. Senior Leadership Team members, Housing Associations, Youth Offending Teams and local residents all attended this walkabout. Residents raised their concerns regarding the Anti social behaviour in this location. We have regular calls from repeat callers who inform us that the issues are daily after 1700 hours.

In my professional opinion I believe by allowing the Off Licence to extend its hours it will only encourage the ASB and it will have a negative impact on local residents as well as the community.

Signature: PCSO Sulalmaan Iqbal 7210471 Signature witnessed by: