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Your ref:

Our ref: LIC/MUHIB-01/15

10th February 2015

Dear Ms Driver.

# Re: Further Evidence in the Sec 51 Licensing Act Review Application of Mubib, 73, Brick Lane, LONDON E1 6QL

Further to the application made by police on 06/02/14 and in particular to the references made of the '53' hits for '73 Brick Lane' (20) and 'Muhib' (33) on police indices, I have now had an opportunity to review them all and herein enclose further supporting evidence prior to the end of the consultation period. I apologise that I was unable to include these in the original submission. I may add that of the 33 search returns for 'Muhib', some were duplications and the majority referred to the forename or surname and had no links to the restaurant as such.

I firstly note that an application has been made to transfer the premises licence on 23/01/15 from 'Curry Choice Limited' (director Elias MIAH), to 'Copper Chimney Limited' (director Abdul AHAD), a company incorporated on 02/10/14.

The Committee will note, that whilst police have not objected to the transfer - Mr AHAD is already mentioned several times in the original review application. He has come to police attention several times through incidents at City Spice (138, Brick Lane) or Muhib. The police are unable to comment on his role as a company director as there is nothing barring him from being such. I would however suggest, he has already demonstrated on more than one occasion his inability to carry out the function of a Premises Licence Holder (PLH). Whatever the purpose of the transfer after these proceedings were instigated is unclear (evade a review?). If anything, one would have expected a different PLH and not Mr AHAD in any event; I cannot see how it helps his cause? It is hardy a 'fresh start' or a proper change of management for the venue.

• Sunday - 08/09/13 - CAD 6201/08SEP13 - This matter has already been covered in the original application and discussed at the earlier Committee hearing 06/02/14 (when the Committee declined to view the CCTV). But I would wish to present to the Committee six CCTV stills. The levels of violence emanating out of Muhib that afternoon was nothing short of horrendous. I will bring colour copies to the Committee hearing, as I am conscious photocopying does no justice to the quality.

Photo 1 - (16:06:14 11) - Shows a mixture of waiters and chefs who have exited directly out of Muhib chasing 4 males south down Brick Lane. The waiter in the middle of the street has a tandoor skewer in his right hand and is arched back, about to hit a victim.

Photo 2 - (16:06:16 02) - Shows one waiter/chef in a high flying kick, whilst five suspects attack two victims at once. One victim has fallen to the floor.

Photo 3 - (16:06:22 06) - Shows one victim trying to cover his face whilst (this corresponds to one of the loud skull cracks on the mobile phone footage), whilst another suspect has a raised bottle in his hands and another a food ladle.

Photo 4 - (16:06:25: 00) - Shows one victim on the floor trapped against a car and it can be clearly seen that the suspect with the tandoor skewer has raised it as high as he can for maximum pain/damage (and indeed proceeds to hit him).

Photo 5 - (16:06:26 04) - The victim on the floor against the car is still being beaten, whilst another on the left pavements falls (receiving a kick from the 'tout'). Another suspect is still running south with a bottle raised above his head.

**Photo 6 - (16:06:30 04) - The victim trapped against the car is still being** beaten by a waiter and a male believed to be a chef.

ANNEX 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

- Friday 22/11/13 East London Magistrates Court Mr AHAD is convicted of a breach of the Licensing Act 2003 - Fined £50, £300 costs and £15 victim surcharge.
- Friday 13/12/13 Section 4 Public Order outside 69, Brick Lane CAD 11091/13DEC13; CRIS 4232938/13 Mr Elias MIAH is a witness to the verbal abuse of staff working in a nearby restaurant and offers to make a statement to police. CID was unable to contact him throughout the following morning as he does not answer his phone. Suspect was cautioned the following day, having being held in custody overnight. ! believe a statement was not ultimately needed as further evidence, due to a caution being accepted.
- Tuesday 04/02/14 @ between 17:15 18:30 hrs Re: "Christian Patrols" on 31/01/14 Brick Lane' CRIMINT HTRT00396883 PC 459HT PRINGLE and PCSO 7256HT DAVIES visited various Brick Lane restaurants after a report of males dressed in khaki camouflaged clothing were seen handing out leaflets against 'Sharia law'. Both officers, amongst others, speak to Mr ALI at MUHIB (no comments recorded) and Mr Abdul AHAD at City Spice, 138 Brick

Lane, who told them "I AM NOT A POLITICAL PERSON AND DON'T CARE AS LONG AS I GET ME FIVE HOLIDAYS A YEAR".

- Wednesday 21/05/14 @ 19:13 hrs CAD 4812/21MAY14 'Malicious Communication' at Muhib Mr Elias MIAH states that he has been receiving prank phone calls to the restaurants landline in which the caller threatens to 'go to the restaurant and burn it and kill all the staff'. It started the previous evening and number approximately 20. The Duty Officer is advised of the seriousness of 'threats to kill', but there are no units free to attend the location. Matter closed at 01:56 hrs when Mr MIAH was last spoken to with no further incidents.
- Wednesday 30/07/14 @ 22:21 hrs CAD 10847 Disturbance at 73 Brick
   Lane three plain clothed police officers, PC 990HT WARLOW, PC 814HT
   RODGERS and PC 291HT O'ROURKE (undertaking 'touting' patrols in Brick
   Lane) are drawn to a disturbance at Muhib, but is appears to be 'handbags at
   dawn' and no allegations are made, the matter was resolved with no offences
   disclosed.
- Friday 01/08/14 @ 21:10 hours Breach of Licensing Act 2003 (at City Spice, 138 Brick Lane), where Mr Abdul AHAD claims to be 'designated DPS' He treats the police with contempt and the whole incident is nothing short of a pantomime. A file has been submitted for prosecution and is currently with the LBTH Legal Department awaiting the consideration of a summons being issued. I enclose supporting statements from PC 291HT O'ROURKE and MSC 5312HT RIDOUT and copies of police forms 'Notification of alleged offences under the Licensing Act 2003' and a 'Closure Notice Section 19 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001'.

In ANNEX 7, 8 & 9

Monday - 06/10/14 - Allegations of Harassment by Muhib towards Preem,
 118-124 Brick Lane CRIMINT HTRT00407984 - Muhib are named in legal documents already presented to this Committee on 07/10/14 to give

undertaking or action would be taken in Bow County Court or the High Court. The allegations are broad and general - but it is alleged by Mr Azmal HUSSAIN that Mr AHAD was involved in an incident on 11/06/14 involving 'touting rivalry' and that he and his staff was threatened. The document is quite extraordinary and astounded Metropolitan Police counsel, not least for the admissions that Mr HUSSAIN himself makes. **ANNEX 10** 

13/12/14 - Incident already covered in the main review application - however I attach a supporting statement from PC 700HT PANDHAL. ANNEX 11

The footage from the incident still awaits forensic analysis at great cost and time (numerous visits) at a specialist CCTV unit south of the river. As this is the footage that has ultimately instigated I would strongly urge the Committee to view the footage during the hearing. Either way I will produce some CCTV stills too.

The police would further repeat the request that the Committee consider revoking the premises licence. Whichever company or director runs it, whether Mr MIAH or Mr AHAD, neither can be trusted to run a business professionally, nor uphold the Licensing Objectives.

If you have any further questions about the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

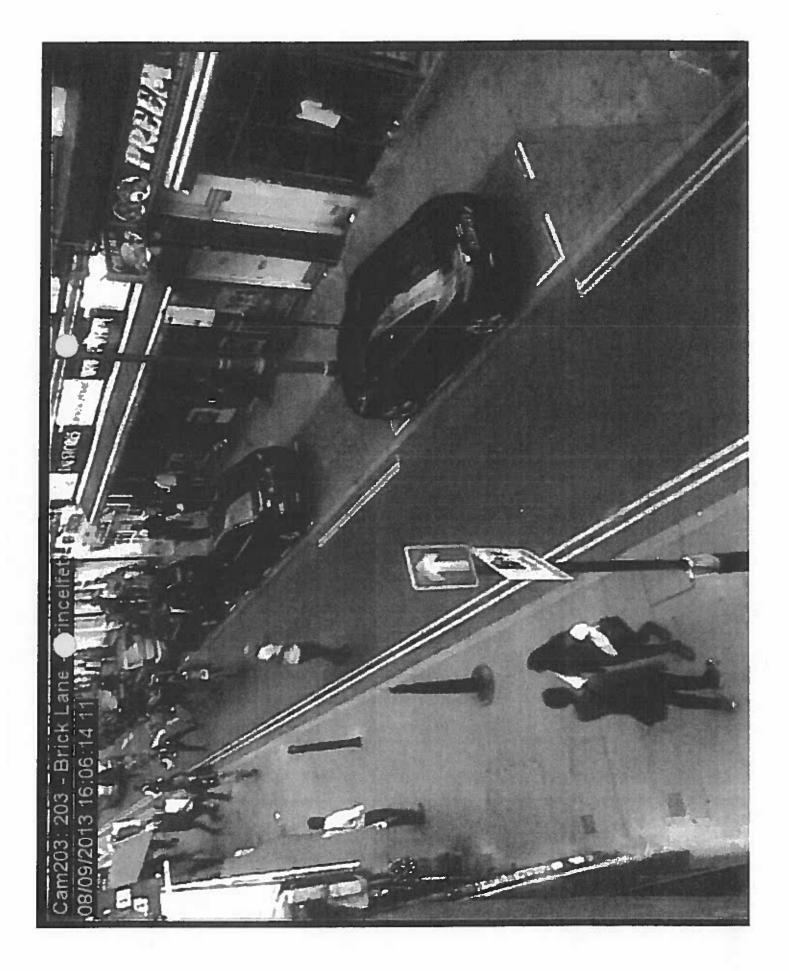
Yours sincerely,

Brendan O'Rourke

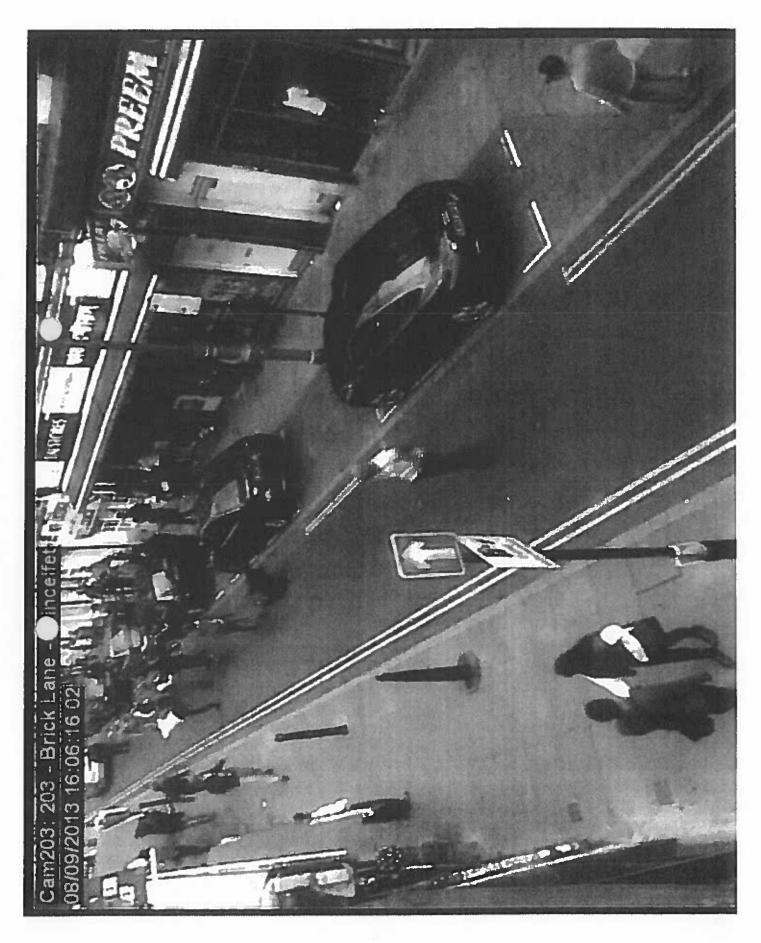
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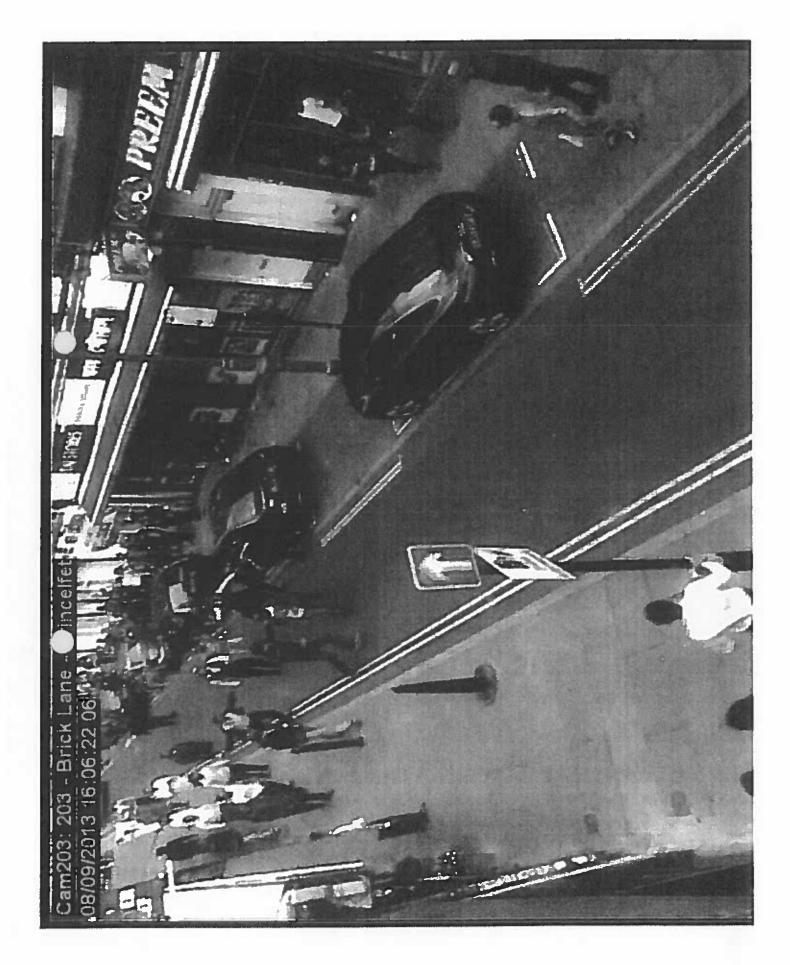
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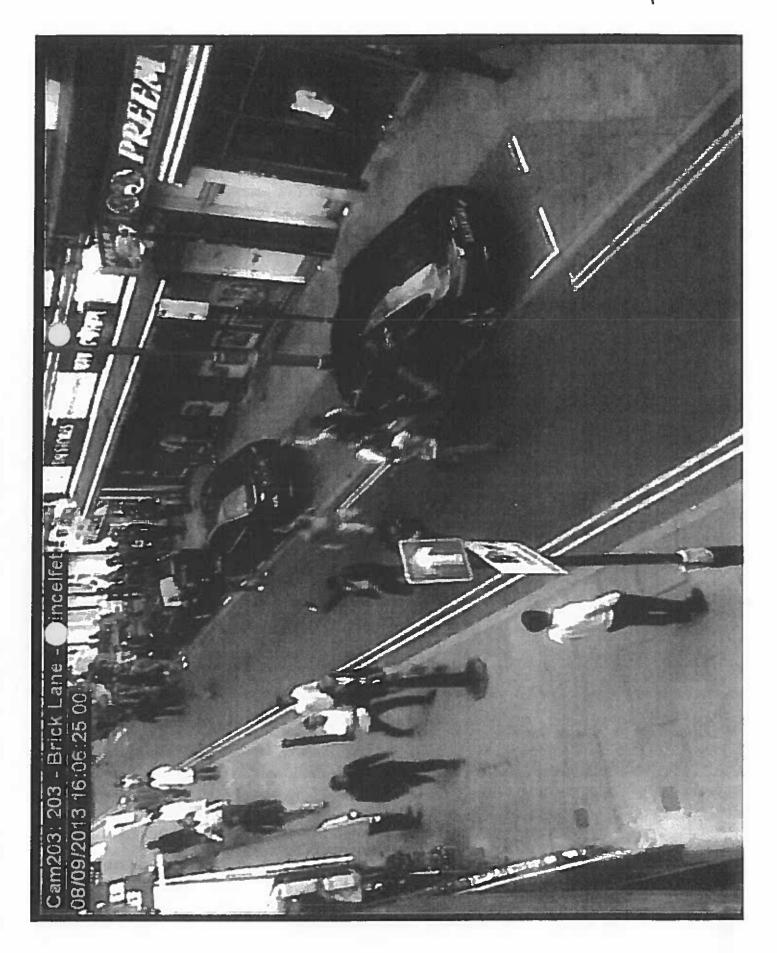


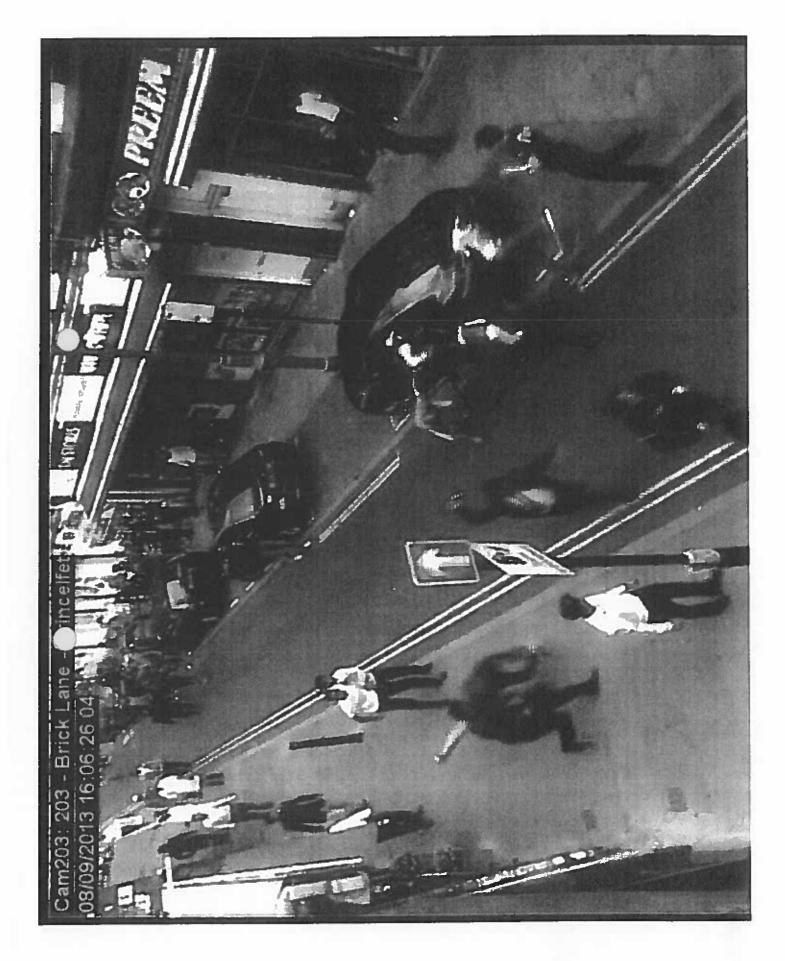


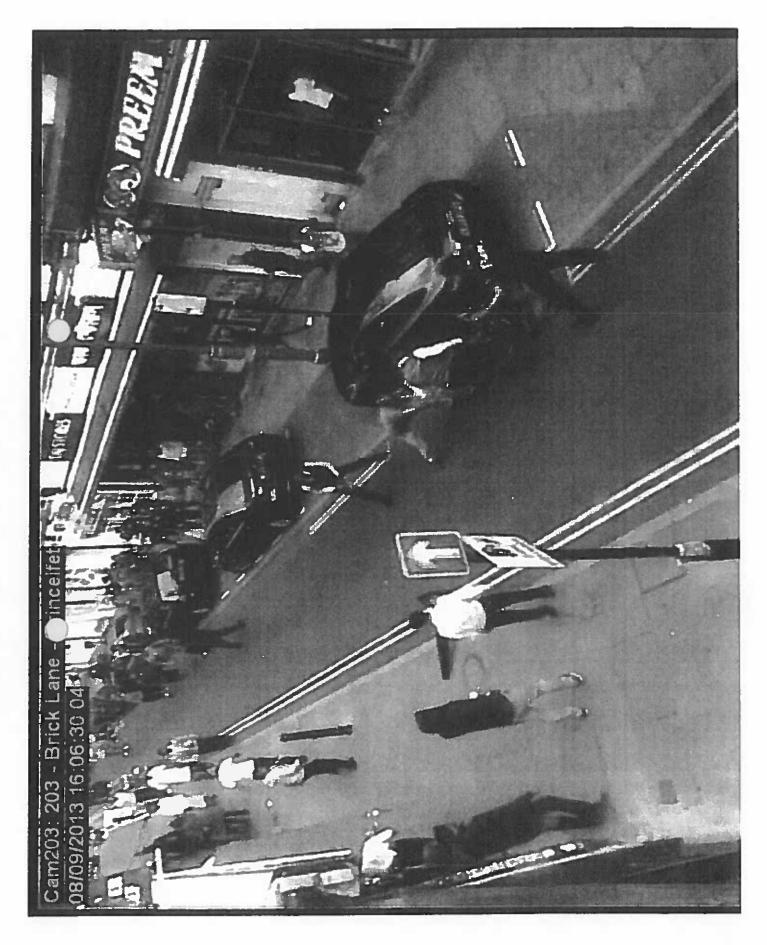












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_	This statement is in	relation to a breach of Prem	ises Licen	ce Conditions	1	
	at City Spice, 138	BRICK LANE LONDON	El 6RU c	on 01/08/14		
Officers original notes made at Brick Lane Police Station at 22:30 hours in my own company.						
I am a police officer with the Licensing Unit of Tower Hamlets Borough Police.						
	On Friday, 1st August 2014, I was o	n duty in plain clothes when	at approxi	imately 19:00	hours, I ga	ve a
briefing to T/Sgt MSC 5020HT BARNA at Bethnal Green Police Station, regarding the Tower Hamlet						nlet
Byelaw regarding 'touting', a brief overview of the Licensing Act 2003 in reference to Premises  Licences and in particular to Section 19 Closure Notices under The Criminal Justice and Police Act						
2001. I advised him that three restaurants in BRICK LANE had already been issued with Section						9
	Closure Notices and we were concer	strating on evidence with the	ese three, h	lowever, any	evidence in	
	relation to any other restaurants would be welcome. There was also a formal slide on the Tower Hamlets					

During the evening I was kept appraised of their progress and was advised that they had been 'touted' quite a few times. Around 22:00 hrs I met up with SC 5312HT RIDOUT and he gave me a verbal overview of the premises he had been touted at whilst with T/Sgt BARNA. We then attended various premises as and when SC RIDOUT saw the 'tout' who made the offer - I then I went into the premises

briefing system in relation to this too. However as police resources are scarce and stretched over the

weekend, particularly in the Whitechapel area, only a couple of officers were assigned to this matter

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undertaking a local initiative operation.

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Brendan Paul O'ROURKE

with him and after he repeated the allegations, I then dealt with the matter.

At 22:15 hours I was in the company of SC RIDOUT, when I attended at City Spice Restaurant at 138, BRICK LANE, EI 6RU. PC 189HT CRUICKSHANK joined us at approximately 22:20 hours. I identified myself to staff as I entered as a police officer by producing my warrant card and saying "HELLO PC O'ROURKE FROM LICENSING CAN I SPEAK TO THE PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER OR MANAGER PLEASE".

A male came forward and as he did SC RIDOUT pointed out to me the male who had 'touted' him earlier. But the male ran into the kitchen, I followed but the male was not there, there was just kitchen staff or cooks in their kitchen clothing, no-one dressed as a waiter... I said to the staff "WHERE HAS THAT MAN GONE WHO JUST RAN IN HERE"?

A cook replied "WHAT MAN"?

I saw that there was a door in the corner and said "HAS HE RAN OUT OF THERE"? The cook replied "NO IT'S LOCKED".

As I went over to try the door, the male who had come forward as manager, tried to stop me. I went over to the door and it was open and I exited onto WOODSEER STREET - the male had clearly 'ran off'. We all then went downstairs which was empty, so we could talk in quiet.

SC RIDOUT then said "AT 21:10, I WAS OFFERED A 25% DISCOUNT AND A FREE PINT BY THE BALD HEADED MALE WHO JUST RAN THROUGH THE KITCHEN".

I then said to the male who said he was manager "LET ME JUST TAKE YOUR DETAILS, WHAT'S YOUR NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH PLEASE"?

He replied "ABDUL AHAD, 11/11/1971".

I said "AND WHAT IS YOUR ADDRESS AND WHERE WAS YOU BORN PLEASE"?

He replied "19 ARNOLD ROAD, GRAVESEND DA12 5PU, BANGLADESH".

I said "AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE"?

He replied "THIRTEEN YEARS".

I would describe him as an IC4 male, 5'07" tall, wearing a white shirt, black striped tie, black trousers and black shoes.

I then said to him "AND ARE YOU THE PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER"?

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He replied "DESIGNATED DPS".

He then said "IF WE DON'T HAVE PEOPLE OUTSIDE, WE DON'T SURVIVE".

I then checked the full premises licence and to see if Part B was on display, which it was.

I saw on the premises licence that the premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor was a

Mr Mohammed Tonjob ALI, I said to Mr AHAD "I KNOW MR ALI'S NAME, ISN'T HE A

PREMISES LICENCE HOLDER ELSEWHERE"?

He replied "HE MIGHT BE".

I said "ISN'T HE AT MUHIBS"?

He replied "YES".

I then said "WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO RAN OUT THE BACK DOOR"?

He replied "TOM SMITH".

PC CRUICKSHANK said "MR ABDUL YOU NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY".

He replied "OK IT'S NOT, IT'S BALAR, HE'S ONLY BEEN HERE TWO DAYS, YOU CAN CROSS THAT OUT NOW".

I said "I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN WHAT YOU SAID".

I then completed Met Police form Book 694 'Notification of alleged offences' and a Section 19 Closure Notice under The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

At 23:30 hours "I SHOULD POINT OUT IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 136 (1) CARRYING ON OR ATTEMPTING TO CARRY ON A LICENSABLE ACTIVITY ON OR FROM ANY PREMISES OTHERWISE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AUTHORISATION OR KNOWINGLY ALLOWING A LICENSABLE ACITIVITY TO BE CARRIED ON', IN PLAIN ENGLISH THAT MEANS ALLOWING MEMBERS OF STAFF TO TOUT". I then gave the 'now' caution and said "THE FACTS OF THE MATTER WILL BE REPORTED AND YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED", he made no reply.

The above offences are recorded on the form Book 694, of which I gave him a copy of and which he signed in receipt. I produce a copy in evidence as exhibit BOR/1 (copy attached). I then gave MR AHAD a copy of the Section 19 Closure Notice I had completed. Again he signed the document and I

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Continuation of Statement of Brendan Paul O'ROURKE..... produce a copy of this Notice in evidence as exhibit BOR/2 (copy attached). I then explained to him he need to speak with Mr ALI, the premises licence holder too. I then left the premises and we continued to ocycles completed 23:40 hrs. the next venue.

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MG II (T)

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 James Ridout URN: 001 10 3 01034227 68					
Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Staff s524573					
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: \$\int 5\c5312\text{HT} Date: 2\langle 8\langle 1\langle					
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)					
On Friday the 1st of August 2014, I was on duty in Plain cloths with HT5020. we had started shift at 19.45 hours at Limehouse police station were we had a briefing by HT5020 were we went through how we are trying to stop the touts from outside the Indian restaurants from Brick Lane E1.					
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# SC 5312 HT Signature witnessed by:

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## Notification of alleged offences under the Licensing Act 2003

Venue Name: CIVI SPIC REF: (CAD/CRIS etc.)
Address: 38 / Grick Lone LONDON: El GRE
Date: 1 8/14 Time: 2-2/15
Details of person in charge at the relevant time: MARCH AND Date   Property   Property
Summary of alleged offences identified TH PL
Section 57(4) Failure to secure premises licence or a certified copy at the premises or to prominently display a summary of the Licence.
Section 57 (7) Fallure to produce a premises licence or a certified copy.
ection 109 (4) Failure to secure that a copy of the Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is prominently displayed at the premiises or secure that a copy of the TEN is in the custody of an appropriate person.
Section 109 (8) Failure to produce a TEN to a police officer.
Section 135 (4) Fallure to produce a personal licence to a police officer.
Section 136 (1) Carrying on or attempting to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise and in accordance with an authorisatation or knowingly allowing a licensable activity to be carried on. (Sec19 issued Y ) No )
☐ Section 137 (1) Exposing alcohol for retail without an authorisation. (Sec19 issued Y ☐ No ☐ )
☐ Section 138 (1) Keeping alcohol on a premises for an unauthorised sale. (Sec19 issued Y ☐ No ☐ )
Section 140 (1) Knowingly allowing disorderly conduct on a licensed premises.
Section 141 (1) Knowingly selling or attempting or allowing alcohol to be sold to a person who is drunk.
Section 144 (1) Knowingly keeping or allowing non duty paid goods or unlawfully imported goods to be kept on premises.
Section 145 (1) Allowing an unaccompanied child on a premises (used primarily or exclusively for the sale of alcohol).
Section 146 (1) Selling alcohol to an individual aged under 18.
Section 147 (1) Knowingly allowing the sale of alcohol to an individual under 18.
ection 153 (1) knowingly allowing an individual under 18 to make a an unsupervised sale of alcohol.
Section 179 (4) Intentionally obstructing any authorised person exercising a power of entry under section 179.
Details of alleged offence(s) including relevant Cad and Crime report details:  Member of Shulf hours to know for business in the
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to Annex 2 of premiss lucha.
issuing officer: State Page Print: Ollars
I acknowledge receipt of this form: (venue)

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the failure to comply with the Licensing Act 2003 may result in the police initiating criminal proceedings against the DPS, premises licence holder, or both. This notice may also be used in evidence to support a review of the premises licence pursuant to section 51 Licensing Act 2003 and/or an application for a closure order under section 20 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

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CLOSURE NOTICE - SECTION 19 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001
Date of the Closure Notice: 1814 Time Served: 2 3
Authority Issuing Notice: Metropolitan Police Service
Name and rank of person making the notice: P(29141 0 1041 LE
Signature: Stollwile P(Zen)
Name (if applicable) and address of the affected premises:
138 Brick Love Landon E1614
Alleged unauthorised use of the premises (section 19 (6)(a))
The officer serving this notice is satisfied that the above premises are being, or within the last 24 h s have been, used for the unauthorised sale of alcohol for consumption on, or in the vicinity of the premises. The specific details of the alleged use are:  Menor of such hour of the specific details of the alleged use are:  Minor of such hour of the specific details of the alleged use are:
Grounds upon which the person serving the Notice was satisfied of the existence of such unauthorised use:  (
Steps that may be taken to end the alleged unauthorised use of the premises, or to prevent it from re-occurring (section 19 (6) (c))  (complete with control of Annel of the bush control of the premises, or to prevent it from re-occurring (section 19 (6) (c))
Third party consideration (section 19.4) Are there any other persons occupying the premises who need to be informed of this notice?
Yes/No (details)
If yes they must be issued with a copy of this form
Effect of section 20, Application for closure order.  A failure to take remedial action to prevent further or continued unauthorised use may lead to an application being made to a Magistrates court for a closure order under section 21 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.
The Person (if applicable) on whom the closure notice has been served:  Name  Signature X
Date 1/8/14

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## To be handed to the venue with S19 Notice

#### 1. EXPLANATORY NOTES

A police officer has decided to issue this closure notice under the terms of section 19 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 ("the 2001 Act"). The notice alleges that the said premise has been operating either without premises licence, or otherwise than in accordance with a premises licence. It also details the actions that may be taken by the owner or manager to end the unlicensed sale of alcohol to prevent it reoccurring. Please note that any such unauthorised activity may also constitute a criminal offence under section 136 Licensing Act 2003.

The purpose of this notice is to provide a warning to those responsible for the premises in order that swift remedial action can take place to rectify the unauthorised activity. If the problem continues, or appears likely to continue, the police may apply to the magistrate's court for an order to close the premises.

## 2. Section 19 of the 2001 Act- Closure Notices

Where a police officer, or an authorised officer from the local authority, is satisfied that any premises are being, or within the last 24 hours have been used for the unauthorised sale of alcohol, for consumption on, or in the vicinity of the premises, he may serve a notice under section 19(3) in respect of the premises. An "unauthorised sale of alcohol" includes a premises with a valid premises licence, but that is operating in breach of its licence conditions. Any person occupying another part of any building or other structure of which the premises forms part whom may have their access adversely affected by the application to the magistrate for a section 20, resulting in a possible issuing of a full closure (Sec 21) by the court must also be Issued with a popy of this form.

#### 3. Section 20 of the 2001 Act- Closure Orders

Your attention is drawn to section 20 of the 2001 Act. This provides that the police, or as the case may be the local authority, can take action against the said premises by applying to a justice of the peace at the local magistrates' court for a closure order if the unlicensed sale of alcohol (as alleged in this closure notice) is continuing, or there is a reasonable likelihood that the premises will be so used in the future.

The application for a closure order must be made not less than 7 days, and not more than 6 months, after the date on which this closure notice was served.

After an application for a closure order is made, the justice of the peace may issue a summons requiring the applicant, and also the person or persons on whom the closure notice was served, to attend a court hearing. At the hearing the court will consider the applicant's complaint against the said premises and decide whether a closure order should or should not be made.

In accordance with the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and the Human Rights Act 1998 you are entitled to be legally represented at the hearing and to make representations to the court before any decision is taken.

#### 4. Appeals- Section 24 of the 2001 Act

Appeal against a decision by the magistrates' court to grant a closure order, or a decision to refuse an application for a closure order, can be made by an affected person to the Crown Court within 21 days.

## 5. Enforcement Powers and Offences- Section 25 of the 2001 Act

It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to permit a premises to be open in contravention of a closure order made by the magistrates court. Any person found guilty of such an offence will be liable to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

It is also an offence for a person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any other terms of a closure order made by the court, or does an act which contravenes those other terms. Any person convicted of this offence is liable to a fine not exceeding £5,000, or to three months imprisonment, or to both.

Police officers and authorised officers from the local authority have the power to enter the said premises at "any reasonable time", and do anything reasonably necessary to secure compliance with the closure order (for example, to board up the premises). However, when exercising this power, the constable or the officer must produce evidence of this authority to enter and also his identity before entering the premises, if asked to do so by the owner (or the occupier or the person in charge of the premises).

It is an offence for a person to infentionally obstruct police officers or authorised local authority officers from exercising these powers. Any person convicted of obstructing a police officer is liable to a fine not exceeding £5,000, or to one month's imprisonment, or to both.

Any person convicted of obstructing an authorised local authority officer is liable to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

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Our Ref: L.M/A.H/KC Your Ref: TSS/LIC/73686

01/10/2014

LBTH Licensing Authority Mulberry Place 5 Clove Crescent London E14 2BG

Dear Sirs

Re: Review Application - Preem, Ground Floor and Basement, 118 - 122 Brick Lane, London E1 6RL

We write to confirm that we have been instructed to deal this above licensing matter. We would be grateful if you kindly forward all the future correspondences to our letter head address. We acknowledged that our client's license would be formally reviewed 07/10/2014 at the LBTH Mulberry Place. Please note that we will formally represent our client on the day and we would be obliged if you kindly assist our representative to deal this matter accordingly.

We hereby enclosed the following documents:

- 1. Mr Hussian's statement;
- 4 x notices those were served by our client through by his counsel;
- 3. 3 x correspondences letters between my client and his counsel;

We would be grateful if you kindly consider the enclosed documents as well as written and oral evidences to review our client's license.

Should you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

KC Solicitors

Principal
Mohammed Abul Kalam Chowdhury

Associate Societors
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Mohammed Rakibur Rahman

Your Ref: T\$\$/LIC/73686

01/10/2014

The Chairman
Licensing committee
LBTH Licensing Authority
Mulberry Place
5 Clove Crescent
London
E14 28G

Dear Sirs

Re: Review Application – Preem, Ground Floor and Basement, 118 – 122 Brick Lane, London E1 6RL

I write to confirm that I am the manger and DPS License holder of Preem Restaurant. The matter has been listed before the licensing sub committee to review my license. I personally believe that I became a victim and the matter has been deliberately listed since I already received conviction for the same offence where I have pleaded guilty. I believe that the committee should consider my following grounds to determine the review application:

- 1. I have already pleaded guilty and fined. Therefore, it would be unfair and unreasonable to review this matter again.
- 2. A group of people including the some brick lane restaurant owner are always against me. They have been campaigning against me and have been trying to put me in trouble.
- 3. I have already served official notices to the local businessmen those deliberately employ the touts and to do touting in my doorstep. After serving the notices I got numerous threats from the alleged group of individuals.
- 4. During September 2014 the licensing officers were attacked by the local restaurant touts and they took sheller in my premises. However, before leaving the premises they accused me for no justifiable reasons.
- 5. I would like to mention that there is a rumour around brick lane and in particular Bengali community that a group of people working tirelessly to remove me from brick lane. This group are well organised and they took instruction from the very high level of LBTH officials. As I always speak for the truth and against any sort of injustice. This group also aiding or facilitating another particular group to make the brick lane "a Non Alcoholic Zone".
- 6. Finally I would like to confirm that despite my numerous efforts to comply with all the conditions attached to my license but this particular group always put me in trouble and always behind me. Therefore, I am requesting a fair justice from the licensing committee.

Yours faithfully,

Aznar nussam 118Brick Lane London E1 6RL The Licencee, Muhib Restaurant, 73 Brick Lane, LONDON E1 6QL

Dear Sir,

# NOTICE BEFORE ACTION OPEN OFFER TO AGREE TO UNDERTAKINGS

Re: Harrasment of Azmal Mert Hussain, his employees, agents and customers:

#### Introduction

I am a barrister instructed by Mr Azmal Hussain and Hussaine UK Limited, on a direct access basis, in relation to an impending claim of harassment against you, your employees and agents. Mr Hussain is the licensee of four restaurants on Brick Lane. London E1: Preem 1, Preem 2, Preem 3, Preem 4 (together 'the Preem Restaurants'), located between 108 and 126 Brick Lane. The restaurants are owned by Hussaine UK Limited, which company also holds the leasehold of all the premises at which the Preem Restaurants are located. The allegations set out below are the allegations of Mr Hussain.

Since Wednesday, 12.6,2014, Mr Hussain and the stalf and customers of the Preem Restaurants have been the subject of harassment by staff employed by six other restaurants in Brick Lane: Curry Bazaar (77 Brick Lane); Bengal Village (75 Brick Lane), Mohaib Restaurant (73 Brick Lane), Café Bangla (128 Brick Lane), Aladeen (132 Brick Lane) and Nazrul (130 Brick Lane). These restaurants are located as follows. On the opposite side of the road to the Preem Restaurants are Curry Bazaar, Bengal Village and Mohaib Restaurant. On the same side of Brick Lane as the Preem Restaurants are Café Bangla, Aladeen and Nazrul.

## Factual Background

The facts of the matter, as alleged by Mr Hussain, are these.

You are currently charged with assaulting a member of Mr Hussain's staff. Mr Hussain alleges that you are guilty of that offence and that that offence is a part of the course of conduct, constituting harassment, against him, his staff and his customers.

On Monday, 10.6.2014, Mr Hussain hosted, at the Preem Restaurants, a press conference at which it was announced that an Election Petition had been presented challenging the election of Mr Lutfur Rahman as Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

At 3 am the next day, Mr Hussain discovered his van, that was parked in the back yard of the Preem Restaurants, was covered with white paint over both windscreens and on the side windows, making the car un-drivable. He washed his car to the extent that it was just drivable and drove home, fearing for his personal safety if he did not.

At 1 pm the following afternoon, 11.6.2014, Mr Hussain went into his restaurant at 122 Brick Lane and discovered that the side window had been smashed. This had been discovered by his staff. He called the police, who later attended and investigated the incident.

That same day, in the evening, touts that promote each of the above restaurants went in front of the door to one of the Preem Restaurants. There were over ten of them. They all went up to people who were thinking about coming into the restaurants and said to them that the Preem Restaurant outside which they were standing was a bad restaurant. They also threatened Mr Hussain's staff by saying that they should not work for me as I was against Bengali culture and the Muslim culture. All of this was said in Bengali.

At this point it should be noted that touting for business in Brick Lane is illegal, pursuant to a bylaw of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets ('the Borough') of 2005. However, each of the above restmirants engages in touting on a daily basis. It is also admitted that the Preem Restaurants has engaged in touting, although Illussaine UK Limited and Mr Hussain are prepared to undertake not to do so in exchange for cross undertakings, as set out below.

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## Legal Action

If you do not inform Mr Hussain, by post to Mr Hussain. Preem 1, 108 Brick Lane, London E1 [POST CODE] or by fax to [FAX NUMBER], that you do not agree to make the above undertakings and to the above course of action by 4 pm on Monday, 11th June, 2014, Mr Hussain will make a claim for an injunction and for damages in the Bow County Court or the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court at his discretion. This will involve substantial costs, for which you will be liable in the event the claim is successful.

You are strongly advised to seek Independent legal advice.

Please do not respond to this letter directly but indicate whether or not you agree to the aforesaid injunctions by contacting Mr Hussain at the above address or fax number.

Yours Sincerely.

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Counsel (direct public access) to Mr Hussain and Hussaine (UK) Limited

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	Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)					
	I am the named person above this statement is in relation to an incident where I seized several exhibits follows					
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I am a serving full time police officer in the Metropolitan Police Service since 16th May 2013. I am a response team 2 based out of Limehouse police station. My duties involve me responding to emergence emergency calls made to the police within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.						
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	MATTHEWS 547HT we were in a marked police vehicle call sign HT26-N. Whilst conducting our patrols w					
had been sent to CAD 10143/13DEC14 this was to a report of an assault outside of Muhib, 73 Brick Lane El 6QL.						
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LJP/01- One (1) T-shirt sealed in bag no MPSH00119856 booked in front office HT 66/5586 105/6712.						
This was taken from the victim of the assault.						
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I am a police officer with the Licensing Unit of Tower Hamlets Borough Police.

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Ch 2 & Ch 3 - covers inside.

Ch 4 - is blank.

Ch 5 - Partially covers the bar.

Ch 6 - covers inside.

Ch 7 - appears to be a storeroom.

Ch 8 - is blank.

On Friday 13/02/15 I made a self-copy DVD of the footage from 13/12/14 20:43:00 hrs to the video end at 00:25:04 hrs - I produce it in evidence as exhibit BOR/1, it was scaled in evidence bag A18491924. I also produced two working copies of the footage on two memory sticks, which are

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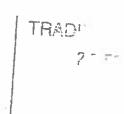
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