

Witness: Mark Halton
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

**Application for an SEV licence in respect of Club Oops, 30 Alie Street, London before the
licensing sub-committee of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

WITNESS STATEMENT OF MARK HALTON

I, **MARK JAMES HALTON**, of MJH Licensing Consultants Ltd of 5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will say as follows:-

1. I am an independent licensing consultant having retired from the Metropolitan Police Service having completed 30 years of employment. The majority of my employment with the police was in licensing roles and many of those within London. I attach an overview/resume of my experience with the police at "MH1".
2. As I set out in MH1, I remain actively involved with licensing issues and the sector as a whole. As I have set out in my resume, I have been instructed by a range of operators, the police, local authorities and other governmental bodies in relation to licensing matters including providing training and being involved in developing best practice and crime reduction matters.
3. I also act as a consultant for a number of operators often providing advice and carrying out periodic inspections of premises. I have been employed by Mr Nair for the last 4 years in respect of Club Oops and (subject to the periods when COVID required premises to be closed) I carry out unannounced compliance inspections at the premises to review compliance with any licence conditions and legal obligations, as well as making more general observations, and then produce a report which I send to Mr Nair. In addition, I provide advice to Mr Nair where required.

4. I attach a copy of my last inspection report at MH2. This report is consistent with my previous observations. These are excellent, well run premises that do not cause any issues either within the premises or within the surrounding area. I believe my observations are consistent with what I understand to be those of the licensing authority and the statutory authorities that these premises simply do not cause any issues or problems due to the excellent way in which they are managed and operate and that there is no history of any complaints in that way that they have operated since Mr Nair acquired them.

Statement of Truth

The contents of this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed ..



Mark Halton

Dated

22nd SEPTEMBER 2022