

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Crime No.** **URN**

Statement of Ben Reader

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable 2413

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) 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: (witness)**Date** 06/01/2021Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am PC 2413 Reader a specialist licensing officer based at Lloyd House, Police Headquarters, Birmingham.

This statement relates to the licence transfer for 442 – 444 Birchfield Road, Perry Barr.

WMP have objected to this transfer.

WMP have had ongoing crime and disorder issues linked to this location, this led to an ASB closure notice being applied for. The evidence for this is covered in significant detail in a statement by PC 9255 Ali Wood, a local neighbourhood officer.

The new licence holder needs to ensure that such incidents no longer occur and that the licensing objectives are promoted. In order to do this, there needs to be evidence of new ownership and not just a paper exercise to make it appear ownership has changed.

To date, WMP have not seen any evidence of new ownership such as lease agreements, utility changes or contract of sale.

WMP object to Mr Nazbit ALI being the DPS, as Mr ALI is linked to the old operators as he has been the DPS there before and was listed as a joint director of SAFF UK Ltd and Banff Retail Ltd, both of which are linked to Costcutter ownership as evidenced in PC Woods statement.

WMP understand that Ashiq HUSSAIN is making an application for a personal licence which has not yet been granted.

Signature

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)