

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**HEARING ON: 12 OCTOBER 2015 at 10:00am**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPEAL BROUGHT BY:**

**(1) MR SABER NAZARY  
(2) MR QASSIM ARYUBI**

---

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
DAVE CORNER**

---

**I, DAVE CORNER, Senior Officer – Street Trading & Subsidiary Markets, of Birmingham City Council, Manor House, 40 Moat Lane, Birmingham, B5 5BD, SAY as follows:**

1. I am employed by Birmingham City Council ("the Council"), as a Senior Officer for Street Trading & Subsidiary Markets and have been in their employ since 1980. I am familiar with the facts of this matter and I am authorised to make this statement on behalf of the Council. Unless otherwise stated, I do so from facts and information known to me from my own knowledge or from information held by me.
  
2. I recall the events of 24 January 2014 and have additionally reviewed my contemporaneous notes from that day, when compiling this statement.
  
3. I make this statement to assist the Council's Business Management (Miscellaneous Appeals) Sub-Committee, to make its decision.

4. At around 11:30am on 24 January 2014, I was invited to attend a meeting with my colleagues and officers from West Midlands Police ("WMP"), who briefed us about suspected illegal immigrants believed to be working on two Market stalls in the Open Markets. The stalls identified in the brief were B9 & B11 (being operated as a single stall) and B22.
5. At around 12:00 noon, I attended the Open Markets together with officers from WMP, to show them the precise location of those stalls. I witnessed a number of men being arrested who, at the time of arrest, appeared to be working behind the stalls. I recall the total number of people arrested, who appeared to be working behind the stalls when I arrived with officers from WMP, was six.
6. Whilst the arrests of those six people were taking place, a seventh man appeared in the public aisle, near to the stalls. A number of market traders from other stalls shouted to Police Officers, to indicate that the seventh man was also known to work at the stalls where they were currently making arrests. The seventh man attempted to run away, but was chased and caught by a Police Community Support Officer. He was then also arrested.

**Dated this 30 day of September 2015**

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true.

Signed.....

**DAVE CORNER**  
**Senior Officer for Street Trading & Subsidiary Markets**