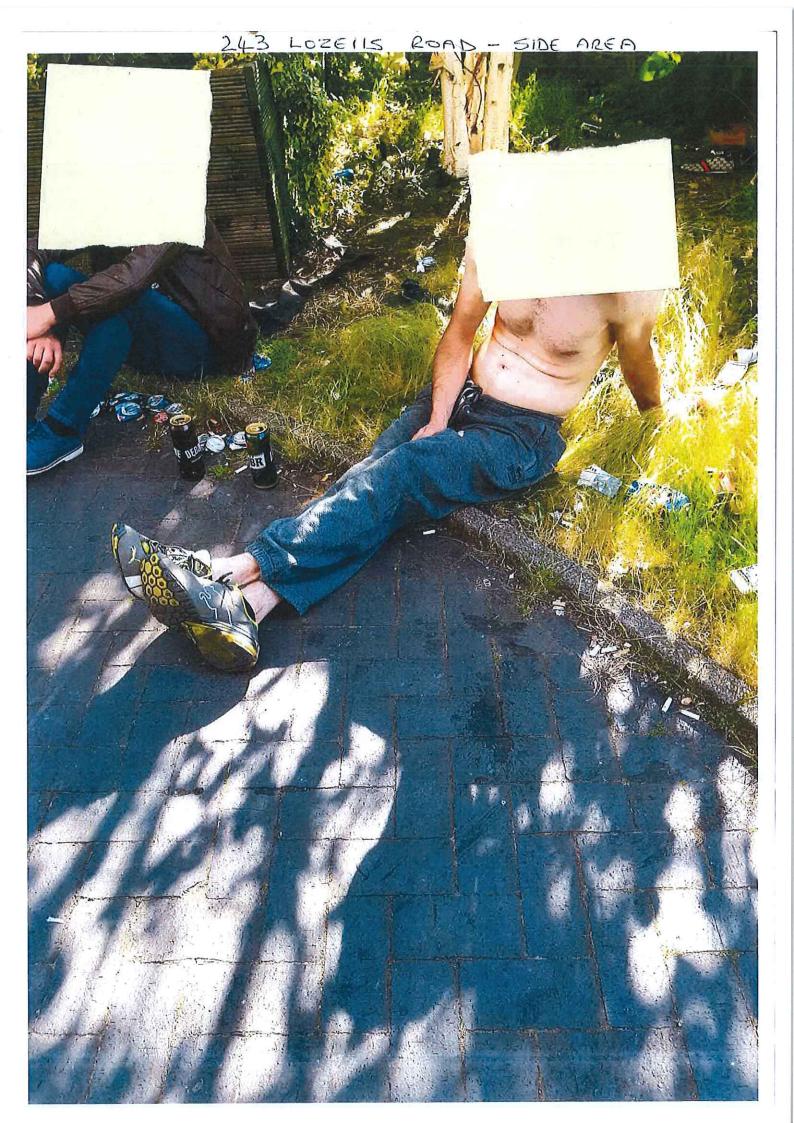
WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

	Crime No.
	URN
Statement of ROBERT CAPELLA	
Age if under 18 OVER (if over 18 insert "over 18")	cupation POLICE Community Support Officer 30415
This statement (consisting of 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 12/07/18
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear) I am Police Community Support Officer 30415 Rob Capella, I have been in this role for 12 years working on the Lozells and East Handsworth Neighbourhood Police Team. This is an impact statement in regards an application to open a licence shop at 235-237 Lozells Road selling 24hours a day. This application I feel will have a negitive affect on the improving location in Lozells. The shop at this time is called City Bargins and is opposite George Street and the New Testament Church of God 240 Lozells Road which runs a soup kitchen once a week to help homeless and drug dependant victims. Next to the shop is 243 Lozells Road, Care First Services,this organisation runs a number of support hostels in and around Handsworth for 16-21year old children who have spent theirearly life in care. The front of this building has trees and a grassed area which during the night and weekends is used by street drinkers as is hidden away. The area is always subject to empty drinks cans, broken bottles and rubbish. Staff at the centre are always reporting moving drinkers away from the location and they also report that visiters to the centre (Social Workers and children) comment on the rubbish and empty drinks cans/bottles. This area has been an area for drinkers for a long time and the Neighbourhood Team have been working for a long time to remove this sort of behaviour from the area with some success and reported crime in the location has been dropping over the last few years. Community members fear that with another shop selling drink will have an affect of attracting more drinkers to the location, increasing the fear of crime crime itself, increasing litter and an increase in anti social behaviour. I have been asked at community meeting if we the police can help reduce even more drinks shops to the location as they fear crime will return.	
To the other side of the planned shop is Lozells Central Mosque which has regular worshipers numbering up to 1000 and has a boys madrassa every day between 1600hrs and 2000hrs where 600 boys from	
royears old to 16 years old attend most walk past the location of the planned shop.	
ENC. I enclose 6 photographs of the location. Signature	gnature witnessed by

OFFICIAL - (when complete)

03/2016





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