

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 Mark Swallow.

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

Occupation Police Licensing Officer 60264.

This statement (consisting of one 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: M.Swallow. (witness)**Date 15th April 2024.**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Licensing Officer 60264 Mark Swallow of the West Midlands Police currently stationed at Lloyd House Police Station. I am part of a team one of who's roles is to examine all new applications for premises licences in the Birmingham City Council area to ensure that they promote the licensing objectives.

On 26.2.24 an application was received from a premises called Admas. Unit 3, 136-150, Soho Hill. Hockley, Birmingham. B19 1AF license number 5609. This application was to increase the hours for regulated entertainment, late night refreshment and the sale of alcohol at the premises to 0200 hours from Sunday to Thursday and 0400 hours on Fridays and Saturdays. The current terminal time for licensable activity is 2300 hours each day.

On 4.10.22 an application was made by the premises for a Temporary Events Notice for 15.10.22. This application was objected to as it was not possible to confirm that it would promote the licensing objectives. A counter notice was issued.

I am aware that the premises is being prosecuted by Birmingham City Council for trading in excess of their statutory hours when they were open till 0245 hours on 29.1.24.

It is clear that the premises wishes to trade as a late night premises regardless of the effects this may have on others. The area is residential and any increase in hours would impact negatively on the residents in the area. The premises has also both in its current guise and previously when trading as Selam traded outside the law and it is feared that any increase in hours would have a negative impact on the crime and disorder licensing objective. West Midlands Police have grave concerns that should this variation be granted that it would negatively impact on the licensing objectives and would therefore recommend and request that the application is rejected.M.Swallow.

Signature

Signature witnessed by