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**GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE
WITNESS STATEMENT**

Criminal Procedure Rules r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

Statement of	Craig Foley	
Age if under 18		If over 18, insert 'over 18'
Occupation	Police Constable	
This statement (consisting of _____ pages 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 anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.		
Signature	PC 13850 Foley	(Witness)
Date	10/11/2022	
Tick if victim wishes to personally read their Victim Personal Statement aloud in Court		<input type="checkbox"/>
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on last page)		<input type="checkbox"/>

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I am Police Constable 13850 Craig Foley of the Greater Manchester Police stationed at Ashton-under-Lyne Police Station. My current role is that of Licensing Officer, Prevention Hub Team for the Tameside District.

I have delegation of authority on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police for all applications made in respect of the Licensing Act 2003. (Exh Ref CF/01

I am aware that this statement will be used as part of an application for a review of the licensed premises Save More Off Licence, 77 Market Street, Droylsden, M43 6DD

I was made aware of a review application by Rebecca Birch on behalf of TMBC.

Premises Licence: PL210038

The review is sought for failing to promote the following licensing objective(s):

- 1) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- 2) Public Safety
- 4) The Protection of Children From Harm

I have concerns over the shops owner and staff to be able to run a safe shop to prevent and crime and disorder at the premise or within the close proximity of the premise. See below joint visits that I have attended.

On the 13th of October 2022 I conducted a visit with Tameside Trading Standards in relation to a positive test purchase for illicit tobacco. Whilst at the shop the below items were seized. the items were found by a sniffer dog and these items were only found by the dog as they were hidden in the rear yard of the shop amongst some dissembled shelving which was placed at the back door to the shop which is easy to get to for the shop worker. The shop worker was asked if they had any illicit tobacco and they told the officer that they didn't.

Save More Seizure,

- 9 x amber leaf 50g
- 8 x Marlboro Gold
- 12 x Richmond
- 2 x L&B
- 10 x L&M
- 13 x NZ gold – all in carrier bag in rear yard

- 5 x Richmond
- 2 x L&B – in coat behind counter.

67 x ELUX 3500

During this visit the staff member working alone in the shop could not communicate with myself or other members of Tameside Council staff due to a language barrier. He did not have the authorisation to sell alcohol and could not operate the CCTV.

On the 7th of September 2022 Tameside Licensing department made me aware of a vehicle parked at the rear of the shop that possibly contained illicit tobacco. I attended and illicit tobacco was seized by Tameside Council Trading Standards. I searched the vehicle and found a quantity of cannabis which was hidden in the vehicle. The drugs and vehicle was seized by myself. Whilst at rear of the shop the Tameside Council staff felt threatened by a number of males who were trying to get to the car.

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Although the car cannot be directly attributed to the shop. I can confirm that one of the CCTV cameras inside the shop was pointing at the car at all times. A crime was recorded on Greater Manchester Police computer system for possession of cannabis and the crime number is CRI/06GG/0021555/22. The cannabis was destroyed in line with Greater Manchester Police policy of disposing of drugs. This seizure of the car and drugs has prevented any crime taking place at the rear of the shop. I have no doubt that this car was being used to deal drugs from which is a major concern given the proximity to the town centre and the busy night time economy.

I have been to this shop on two occasions and both times illegal activities have been taking place. I have no confidence that the running of the shop can be conducted safely and adhere to the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder. Should any crime take place the attending officers would not be able to speak with a staff member due to the language barrier nor would they be able to view or download CCTV. The staff members have no knowledge of the licensing conditions and this could cause further breaches.

I attended the shop on the 20th of October 2022 and the same staff member was working alone in the shop. This is the same staff member who is unable to communicate due to a language barrier. If that staff member was in trouble and needed any emergency service he would not be able to call and ask for the help he needed.

Signature	PC 13850 Foley
Signature witnessed by	