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**WITNESS STATEMENT****Criminal Procedure Rules r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**URN Statement of: **Martin Richard Thorley**

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: I

This statement (consisting of seven 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.

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Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on last page)

I am Police Constable 14627 Martin Thorley of the Greater Manchester Police stationed at Ashton Police Station. My current role is that of Licensing Officer, Divisional Partnership 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.

I am aware that this statement will be used as part of an application for a representation to vary a premises licence at **The WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC HOUSE, 1 Water Street, Stalybridge, Tameside SK12 2AG**

The Whitehouse is a public house situated midway along Market Street Stalybridge between Shepley Street and Water Street in the centre of Stalybridge Town Centre. The area is predominantly busy at weekends and has numerous local pubs, bars, businesses and residential properties. The White House is a large public house which stands detached from other premises. The public house has a single bar and trading room a beer garden facility at the rear of the premises between Shepley Street and Water Street. The main front door (entrance/exit) is on Water Street. Access to the beer garden is via a fire exit at the rear of the premises. There is a gate in the three feet high perimeter fencing around the beer garden which allows access and egress onto Shepley Street. I have produced photographs of the perimeter fencing and gateway of the beer garden which are exh ref MRT/4.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 I received a copy of an **Application to vary Premises Licence for White House 1 Water Street Stalybridge SK15 2AG**. This correspondence was dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Enclosed within this application was a brief description of the nature of proposed variation and detailed floor plan in relation to the application.

There is a history of issues relating to public nuisance and crime and disorder in the locality and I was immediately concerned with the application having the 'rear garden' being added to the licensable area. I have been made aware by more than one person of youths congregating in and around the rear beer garden of the Whitehouse and in and around the railway arches close to Waterloo Road and Market Street.

The White House already attracts large numbers of patrons, some of which are known to the Police and are banned from attending premises which participate in the Tameside Pub watch. The venue is known for hosting live bands and I was concerned that the variation to include the 'rear garden' area would increase the noise nuisance to this area of Stalybridge which also has many local residential premises.

Given that The White House is open daily I would anticipate that permitting the use of this area for licensable activity would create further public nuisance and could affect the dynamic of the area which, given the venues

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situated in the area already attract a demographic of younger and more challenging persons which I believe could have a detrimental effect on the area and increase the risk of further crime and disorder occurring on the premises.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 I met with Paul Mercer, Operations manager, Hydes Brewery along with Regulatory Compliance Officers from Tameside MBC at the Licensing Officers at Tameside Street, Stalybridge where the **Application to vary Premises Licence for White House 1 Water Street Stalybridge** dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 was discussed in detail and conditions were proposed.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 I was working on Operation Gritstone where as a team we visited ten different Licensed Premises. At 1905hrs I attended the White House Public House in company with regulatory Compliance Officer Ian Pascoe and Rebecca Birch from TMBC. At this time the Designated Premises Supervisor, was not present.

There were two male members of bar staff behind the bar. One of the members of bar staff provided his name as Tom Slann who then made a telephone call. Shortly afterwards a female attended who provided her name as Allison Hooper (Personal Licence Number 097086). Allison informed us that she was running both the White House and The Q Bar in the absence of the DPS Gillian Armstrong who was on holiday.

During the visit the members of staff were spoken too with regards to promoting the licensing objectives. The following was noted with Allison Hooper:-

- No list of Authorities to sell alcohol.
- No incident book
- No refusal Log (on till only)
- No drugs awareness Posters
- The Pub was displaying Challenge 21 Posters.

I provided Allison Hooper with a supply of Challenge 25 posters and a supply of Drugs Warning posters. During this visit I am aware that Rebecca Birch from TMBC made a telephone call to the DPS Gillian Armstrong.

At 2326hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 a '999' call was made to the Greater Manchester Police and log number 003427 was assigned to this call. This call was from a male called Tom who stated he worked at the White House Public House and a customer had been bottled by another customer. Due to the details of the call it was created as a priority. The Police did not attend.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 on returning to work at 0700hrs I was made aware of the above incident and the corresponding crime number 06GG/0009530/19 which was a recorded as a Section 18 Assault which was reported by the Aggrieved Party as occurring in the rear beer garden of the White House Public House.

At 1215hrs on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 I visited the White House Public House in company with Brad Byrne, Regulatory Compliance Officer from TMBC. Present in the Pub was Gillian Armstrong (PA2184) and Allison Hooper (PLN 097086).

I introduced myself and explained to Gillian and Allison that an incident had been reported by bar staff at the White House on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Both Gillian and Allison denied any knowledge of any incident occurring at the White House. Gillian went on to say that no bar staff from the White House made any calls to the Police with regards to any incident on Friday.

Gillian then stated that Paul Mercer from Hydes Brewery had visited her that same morning and he had mentioned the premises being a member of Pubwatch. Gillian admitted that she knows that people who are

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banned on pub watch attend her premises and she has no issue with this. Gillian stated that 'If other pubs can't handle problems that's their business'. 'I am happy with these people coming in my pub and will not refuse to serve people who are causing problems for other pubs'. 'I know what they are capable of but they don't cause me any issues. What am I supposed to do if they come in the pub and order a lager or a cider, Refuse to serve them cos they cause trouble elsewhere, well I won't'. Gillian went on to name the persons who she knows to be banned on pub watch who attend and drink in the Whitehouse Pub.

I stated that both TMBC and the Police support Pub Watch and that I believe that all should work together to in ensuring that customers are safe and don't feel intimidated by banned persons attending pubs.

I later contacted TMBC CCTV who have provided footage which shows a crowd of patrons in the rear beer garden of the Whitehouse Public House. There is no evidence of a large group of persons in the street at the time the assault took place. The TMBC CCTV camera is panning at the time of the incident and is not set on one position.

The CCTV operator informed me that there is a regular problem in and around the beer garden of the Whitehouse Pub with what would appear to be under aged persons in the beer garden and appear to come and go from the beer garden unchallenged or unnoticed by staff in the pub. CCTV operators have informed me that they have seen young person's drinking alcohol which has been purchased for them by customers in the pub.

At 1542hrs I contacted Paul Mercer from Hydes Brewery having been unsuccessful in making contact with Gillian Armstrong. I requested the CCTV footage from the pub in relation to the incident on 15<sup>th</sup> November. On speaking with Paul Mercer, he stated that he had conducted a one to one meeting with Gillian Armstrong earlier that day and she had informed him that there had been no incidents to report from inside the pub.

At 1608hrs I received a telephone call from Gillian Armstrong. I explained that CCTV footage was required to determine exactly what had occurred in the Whitehouse on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. I requested that the CCTV be made available for collection from 1200hrs on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November covering the time period of 2300 until midnight. Gillian was continually insisting that the only incident she had been made aware of occurred on the street and did not involve her customers. It was during this conversation that Gillian first mentioned that Tom from behind that bar had called the Police. Gillian began to shout and raise her voice, talking over me. I was then accused of being rude by Gillian and so I terminated the call.

At 0725hrs on 19<sup>th</sup> November I received a copy of the '999' call in relation to log number 003427. I exhibit this as MRT/1. This call highlights the fact that the staff were not in control of the premises and were actually unaware of the incident in the beer garden. The caller is heard to inform the call handler that he is working alone with an apprentice member of bar staff. He is heard to request to terminate the call prior to providing a comprehensive account of what had occurred. From the call it is evident that there is a lack of knowledge and confusion over what has occurred.

At 1100hrs on 20<sup>th</sup> November I attended at the home address of the victim of the assault. I took a statement from the victim who also produced a map showing the location of where the assault took place within the beer garden at the rear of the White House Public House.

Regulatory compliance Officer, Brad Byrne attended at 1200hrs on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The CCTV was downloaded by an alarm engineer employed by Mono Alarms. Brad Byrne reviewed the footage and informed me that the one CCTV camera from the rear beer garden at the premises was faulty and did not appear to capture the assault which took place. It was also confirmed that the footage provided was also for the incorrect time.

As a result of this I made a formal request for the GMP CCTV retrieval team to attend to ensure that the footage relating to the relevant times was recovered to either substantiate or negate the complaint of assault.

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At 0815hrs on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November I telephoned Gillian Armstrong following an exchange of text messages (exh ref MRT/2). During the conversation Gillian was disputing again that the assault occurred in the beer garden. I explained to Gillian that I had obtained a statement from the victim of the assault, to which Gillian replied 'YOU TELL HIM NEVER TO SET FOOT IN MY PUB EVER AGAIN'.

I believe this comment demonstrates a lack of empathy, disregard for the safety of customers and commitment to the licensing objectives. Gillian went on to say 'I bet you are recording this conversation'. 'I don't think you like me and I don't like you'. I was then accused of 'Twisting Things' 'Being Threatening' and 'Rude'.

At 1200hrs on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November I attended at the Whitehouse Public House where the CCTV was retrieved by Robert Booth from GMP's CCTV Retrieval Team. It was evident that there was no CCTV coverage of the beer garden covering the period of the assault. The CCTV appears to have an intermittent fault up until 1709hrs on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November when an engineer is seen to be working on the external camera covering the beer garden.

During the visit I took photographs of the beer garden of the Whitehouse Public House, which I exhibit as Exh Ref MRT/3

At 1310hrs the DPS Gillian Armstrong attended at the Whitehouse Pub and was continually demanding an apology from myself continually stating that the incident occurred off her premises.

At 1141hrs on 23<sup>rd</sup> November RIB/2/94201 was produced by Robert Booth and was forwarded to myself.

I have produced a list of incidents from GMP's computer system of recorded crimes at The White House Public House which I exhibit as MRT/5.

I have concerns about the current measures being taken to secure the beer garden. It is accessible via an open gate from Shepley Street and it appears that youths and non-customers are allowed to congregate within the beer garden which has led to incidents of crime and disorder where patrons of the premises, staff and members of the public are in danger of being subjected to unlawful violence.

The beer garden gate is not covered by CCTV Cameras and cannot be seen from the bar. The current CCTV system only has one camera located in the beer garden which is easily accessible to anybody intend on tampering with it or moving it. The CCTV Camera which should be focused on the main entrance is again at an accessible height and during each of my visits was pointing directly on the floor and not serving any purpose. I believe that further CCTV is required for the outside the premises on the front, sides and rear.

I would consider the following conditions to be proportionate to be attached to the Premises Licence for the White House Public House:-

**Prevention of noise breakout from premises**

**No music (amplified or unamplified) shall be played or relayed into the outside drinking area after 9pm.**

**To prevent noise nuisance, all windows and doors at the premise must be kept closed at any time when regulated entertainment, live music (amplified or unamplified), recorded music or any other type of entertainment (amplified or unamplified) is being performed at the premise, except to allow people to enter or exit.**

**While live or recorded music takes place, the licensee or management shall undertake regular monitoring of noise levels at the nearest noise-sensitive locations. A record shall be kept of any monitoring, including the date, time and location of monitoring; the name of the monitor; and any**

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action taken. Records shall be kept for no less than six months and shall be made available upon request by any Local Authority Officers or Greater Manchester Police.

#### CCTV

A tamper-proof digital colour CCTV system must be installed and maintained at the premises to the satisfaction of Greater Manchester Police.

The system must run and record continuously for 24 hours a day, 7 days per week and recorded footage must be stored for a minimum of 28 days.

The system must provide a clear head and shoulders view to an evidential quality on every entry/exit route and within any other vulnerable areas as identified by Greater Manchester Police. The outside drinking area at the rear of the premises will also be covered by CCTV at all times.

Recorded footage must be provided to a representative of any responsible authority on request. Such footage must be provided in an immediately viewable format and must include any software etc. which is required to view the footage. Any discs, portable drives or other storage media onto which footage is transferred must be provided by the premises and sufficient stock of such storage media must be kept on the premises at all times.

A member of staff who is trained to operate the system and supply footage must be present at the premises at all times when licensable activities are taking place.

The Designated Premises Supervisor must ensure that the CCTV system is checked at least once every week by a suitably trained member of staff. This check must include the operation of the cameras, the recording facilities, the facilities for providing footage and the accuracy of the time & date. A written record of these checks must be kept, including a signature of the person carrying out the check. This written record must be kept on the premises at all times and made available to a representative of any responsible authority on request.

Suitable signage informing customers that a CCTV system is in operation must be placed in prominent positions within the premises, including information on the Data Protection Act and the Human Rights act.

#### Challenge 25

The premises must operate a "Challenge 25" scheme at the premise in relation to age verification for alcohol sales and other age-restricted products. Signs and/or posters must be displayed in prominent positions inside the premise to inform customers of this condition.

#### Staff Training

Any staff employed at the premises will receive training by the Designated Premises Supervisor on first appointment and at least every three months thereafter. Training will include input on preventing underage sales, sales of alcohol to people who are drunk, application of the drugs policy and any other relevant matters. A written record will be kept of all training carried out. This record must be kept on the premises and made available for inspection by any responsible authority.

#### Pubwatch

Where such a scheme is in operation, the Designated Premises Supervisor must be an active member of a local Pubwatch scheme or equivalent.

The Council will continue to actively encourage holders of premises licences and designated premises supervisors to attend their local Pubwatch groups, and to set up such groups where they do not currently exist. Members are encouraged to take a "barred from one, barred from all" approach in dealing with disruptive customers. Pubwatch members will also be encouraged to subscribe to the

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Pubwatch online service which allows members to share photographs and information about barred members whilst remaining compliant with data protection legislation.

**Use of Polycarbonate Glassware** All glassware used in the premises beer garden must be of Polycarbonate type. Any drinks served in bottles must be in plastic bottles only. All drinks from glass bottles to be decanted into polycarbonate containers.

#### Door Staff

A minimum of 2 SIA registered door supervisors shall be employed at the premises on Friday and Saturday nights and also New Years Eve from 9.00 pm until 20 minutes after the premises closes. Door supervisors will wear high visibility armbands.

#### Incident Book

An incident book (with the pages numbered sequentially) must be kept on the premises and be made available for inspection by responsible authorities. The incident book must be used to record the following:

- (i) Any incident of violence or disorder on or immediately outside the premises
- (ii) Any incident involving controlled drugs (supply/possession/influence) on the premises
- (iii) Any other crime or criminal activity on the premises
- (iv) Any refusal to serve alcohol to persons who are drunk (On sale and off sale premises only)
- (v) Any refusal to serve alcohol to under 18's or anyone who appears to be under 18
- (vi) Any call for police assistance to the premises
- (vii) Any ejection from the premises
- (viii) Any first aid/other care given to a customer

I feel that whilst I have been investigating this incident, the Designated Premises Supervisor has been obstructive; she has shown a lack of support and has not taken any responsibility for the incident. I firmly believe that further conditions are required to be placed on the Licence of the Whitehouse in order to reduce the risks of further crime and disorder and to ensure that the Designated Premises Supervisor is able to demonstrate the ability to promote the Licensing Objectives.

To the best of my knowledge and belief there is no reasonable ground for believing that the information produced above, from various Police computer systems, and included in this statement is inaccurate because of improper use of the computers and to the best of my knowledge and belief at all material times the computers were operating properly, or if not, any respect in which they were not operating properly or were out of operation was not such as to effect the production of information or its accuracy.

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**Witness contact details**

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Home address:

Postcode:

Home telephone no.:

Work telephone no:

Mobile no: 07393145364

E-mail address:

Preferred means of contact:

(Specify details for vulnerable/intimidated victims and witnesses only):

Gender: Male

Date and place of birth:

Former name:

Ethnicity code 16+1 01

**DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:****Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? If 'No', include reason(s) on form MG6. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? *Youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case* If 'Yes' submit **MG2** with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

**Witness consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to the police' ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A  
(obtained in accordance with local practice)
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil or other proceedings if applicable: e.g. child care proceedings, CICA. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- I would like CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court;

Signature of witness: ..... PRINT NAME: .....

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: ..... PRINT NAME: .....

Address and telephone number if different from above: .....

Statement taken by (print name): Martin Thorley

Station: Hyde

Time and place statement taken:



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Please could you contact me re  
cctv and memory sticks  
Gill

16:02

Brad has just called me...I take it all is  
sorted....

I've finished work now.

Hope all is ok?

16:12

Wednesday, 20 November 2019

Gillian.

I believe the footage from the  
CCTV is around one hour out.  
As such the CCTV retrieval man  
will attend again tomorrow at 1200  
to download only the relevant  
footage from the inside of the pub.  
I appreciate the camera at the rear  
of the premises was faulty and had  
been reported as such.

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View all



19:35

Thursday, 21 November 2019





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I think you are mistaken again  
The record time was taken  
accordingly but if you feel it  
necessary to attend tomorrow my  
self and paul will be out from 9.30  
am and back at 2.00

07:19

I requested 11pm to midnight on  
Friday 15th November.  
The footage provided appears to  
be from a different time.  
Are we able to attend and obtain  
the footage at 1200 today.

07:26

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Our camera is set one hour behind  
as proven by the mono alarm  
engineers licensing our own zonal  
till and the gentleman you sent into  
the pub yesterday that recorded  
exactly the same as mono  
recorded for you

08:09

Gillian, I requested real time  
11pm to midnight on Friday 15th  
November.  
The footage which was provided is



Enter message



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07:26

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Our camera is set one hour behind as proven by the mono alarm engineers licensing our own zonal till and the gentleman you sent into the pub yesterday that recorded exactly the same as mono recorded for you

08:09

Gillian. I requested real time 11pm to midnight on Friday 15th November.  
The footage which was provided is not these times.  
There has been an assault reported on your premises and I do require cctv footage  
Are we able to attend and obtain the footage at 1200 today.

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Yes come when ever but as I have explained the footage you have is real time 11-12 midnight  
i will be out today from 10-1

08:14



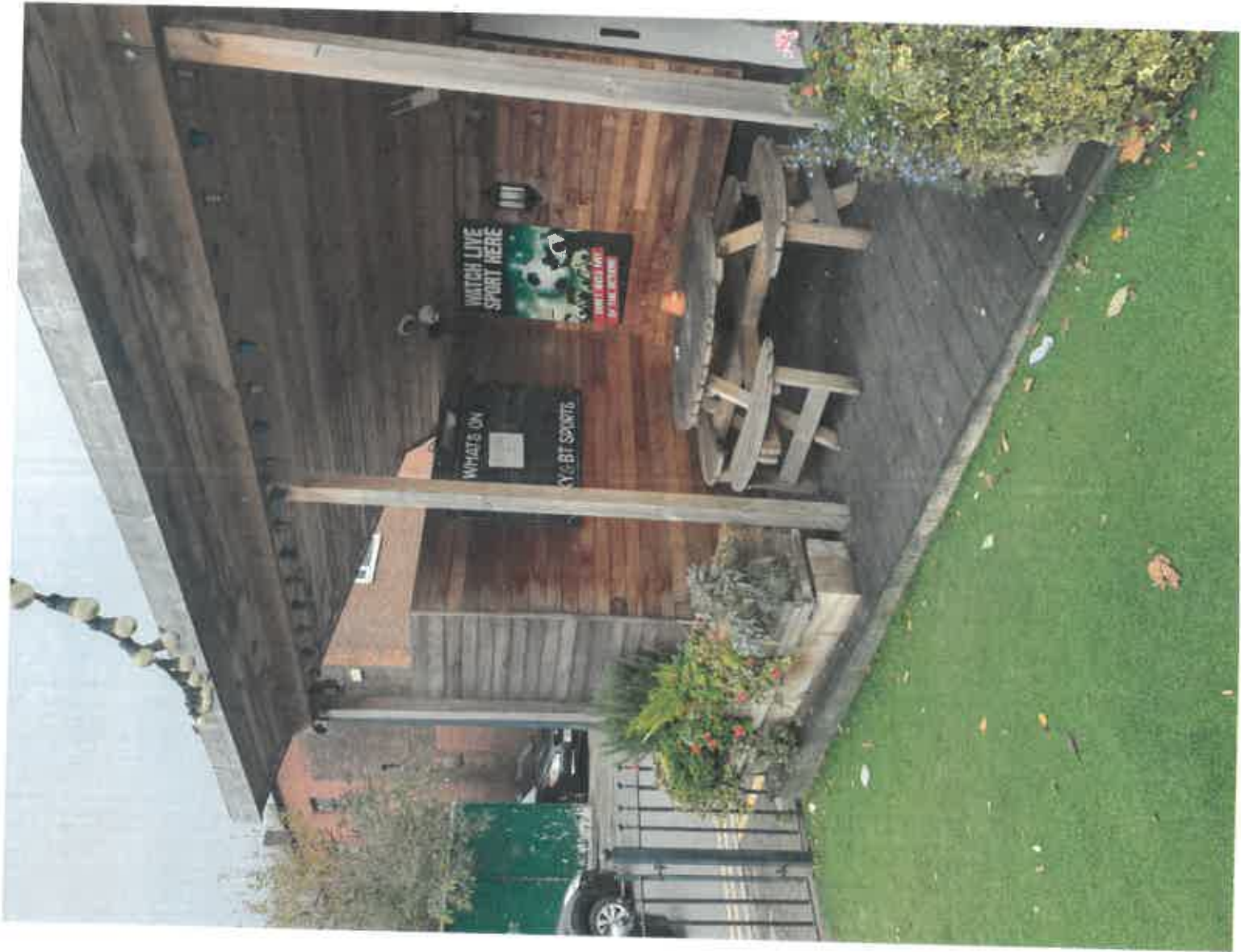
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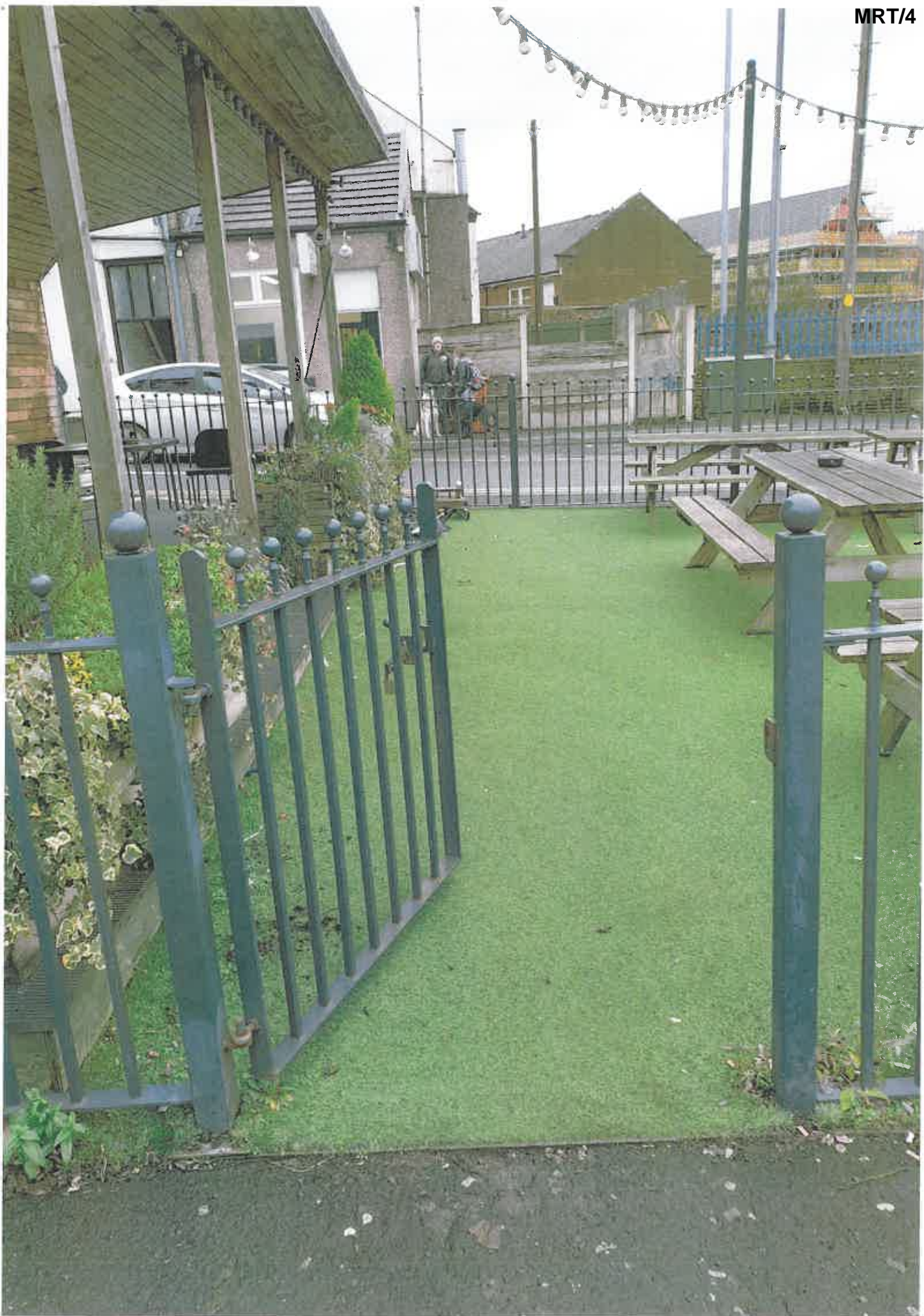




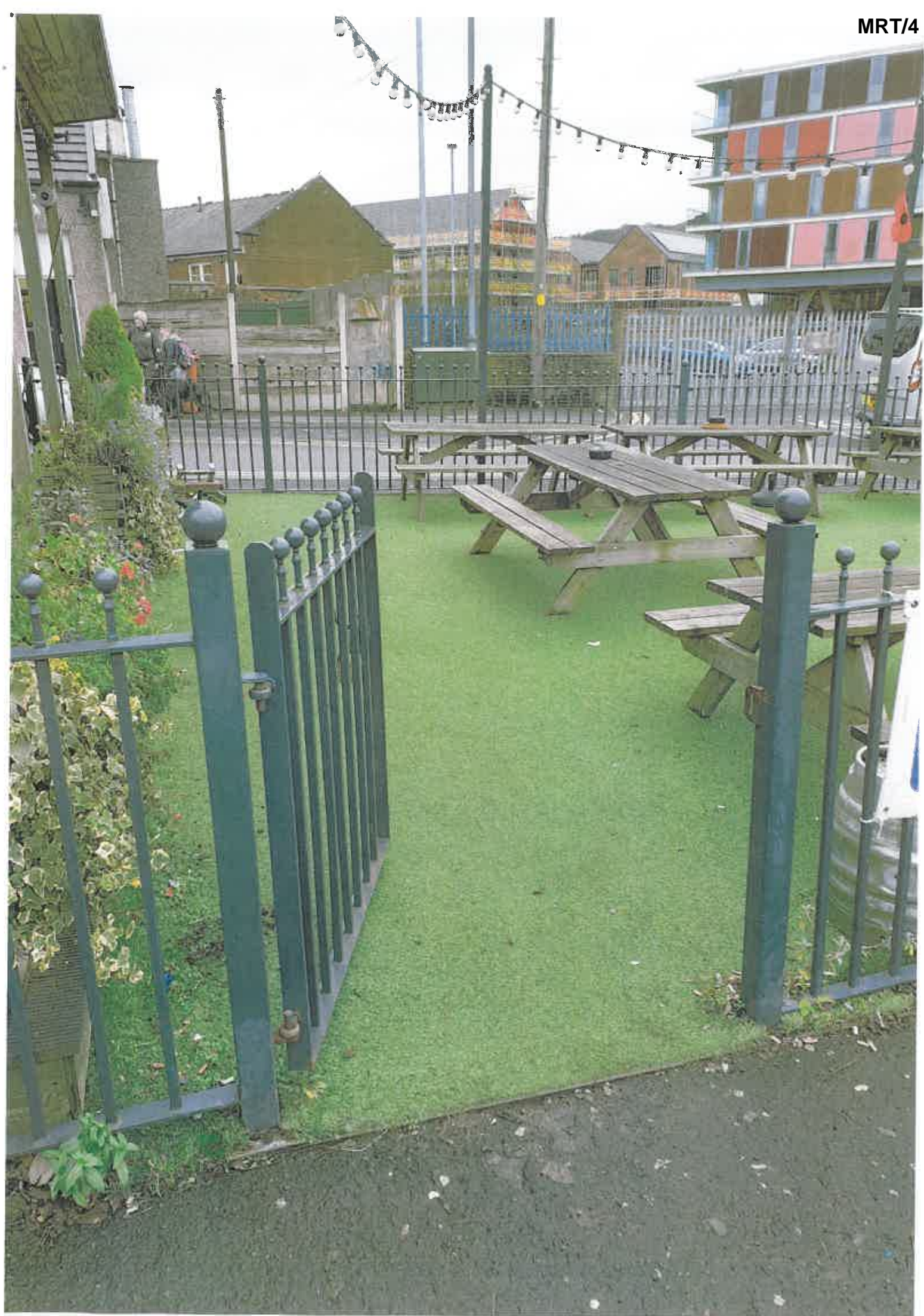
















## WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: 0'18

(if over 18 insert over 18)

Occupation: [REDACTED]

This statement (consisting of 5 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: [REDACTED]

Date:

20/11/19

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐

(supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf.

On the evening of Friday 13th November 2019 I was out with friends and family in Stalybridge socialising and visiting local pubs. As a group we made our way to The White Horse Public House, 1 Water Street Stalybridge arriving there at around 11:15pm.

We went into the pub and ordered drinks in the bar, speaking with other friends. I then saw in the bar, I was drinking Strongbow Dark Fruit. We had been inside in the pub for around 20 minutes, after which we as a group went outside into the rear beer garden of the premises to have a cigarette. We stood close to a table on the left hand side of the doorway under the canopy. We were laughing and joking with some customers sat on a table about how young the customers were and that the pub

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]



**Witness contact details**

Home address: ..... Postcode: .....  
 Home telephone No: ..... Work telephone No: .....  
 Mobile / Pager No: ..... E-mail address: .....  
 Preferred means of contact (specify details): telephone .....  
 Best time of contact (specify details): .....  
 Male / ~~Female~~ Date and place of birth: .....  
 Former name: ..... Ethnicity Code (16 + 1): 01 Religion / Belief: .....

**DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY:** .....**Witness care**

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? Yes ☐ No ☒ If 'No', include reason(s) on form MG6.  
 b) What can be done to ensure attendance? .....  
 c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?  
 Yes ☐ No ☒ If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file.  
 d) Does the witness have any particular needs? Yes ☐ No ☒ If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?) .....

**Witness Consent (for witness completion)**

- a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me: Yes ☐ No ☐  
 b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet Yes ☐ No ☐  
 c) I have been given the leaflet "Giving a witness statement to the police – what happens next?" Yes ☐ No ☐  
 d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes ☐ No ☐ N / A ☐  
 e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: Yes ☐ No ☐ N / A ☐  
 f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA Yes ☐ No ☐  
 g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so that they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to decline their services: ☐

Signature of witness: ..... PRINT NAME: .....

Signature of parent / guardian / appropriate adult: ..... PRINT NAME: .....

Address and telephone number if different from above: As above .....Statement taken by (print name): PC 14627 Thorley Station: HydeTime and place statement taken: 1100hrs 20/11/19 @ Home Address

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was like a youth Club.

On an adjacent table were youngsters who were also appearing to be having a good time together. I could see on the table were both bar drinks and canned drinks which had been brought in by persons sat on the table and had not been purchased from the bar.

There was a band playing at this time and the artist was a Coloured male playing soul music. We walked back inside the Pub near the band and spoke with friends close to the Bar Hatch.

I went to the toilet upstairs whilst my friend went back outside for a cigarette. I came from upstairs and turned right exiting the Pub via the rear fire exit which was propped open.

I could see one tall lad from the group of youngsters on the table who was standing close to the gate at the side of the beer garden. He was arguing with my friend who had gone out for a cigarette.

I have stood between them saying "What's going on there is no need for any of this, it's just a laugh and a joke."

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Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

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The male replied "Who do you think you are you Fat fuck!"

At this point the male was in my face.

My intention was to defuse any confrontation. As I was doing so I saw a male to my left who was holding assaulting my friend, from over my left shoulder. My friend was hit with something and he fell to the floor.

As I turned back towards the male who was in my face I could see he was holding what I recall was a bottle of Kopperberg in his right hand. He raised the bottle up and I feared I was going to be bottled and so I forced my head into him in self defence. As I was doing so I was struck on the back of the head with the bottle. I fell forward and off balance.

Moments later I got to my feet and I could see my friend was outside the premises on the ground on Shepley Street being kicked and punched by at least six youths.

On seeing this I turned to go back inside the pub to try and get some assistance where I was again struck on the back

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of the head again, with a bottle.  
I immediately fell to the ground.

Next I remember being helped to my feet and pulled into the corridor of the Pub, close to the kitchen.

I was so dazed and disorientated from the blow that I could not get up the set of steps back into the Pub itself. I do not recall anything after this point as a result of being hit.

My friend who had been assaulted on the road then came back inside. I can recall he was covered in blood. We remained close to the bar hatch discussing what had happened. A member of bar staff then said to me "Don't worry it all on camera".

As we were still warned of being further assaulted our group left via the front door and walked into Back to the 80's where I explained to the Doorstaff what had gone on. The Doorstaff allowed us into the premises and into the toilets to get cleaned up. It was at this point I started being sick and was in pain due to my head injury.

The Doorstaff were telling me of the

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Continuation of Statement of: [REDACTED]

trouble they are having with young under aged persons drinking inside the White House Public House.

After this we left the area and walked to another bar in Stalybridge in order to pull ourselves together before going home with my daughter.

At my home address I called for an ambulance at 01:15hrs. The ambulance attended at 04:15hrs and the paramedic stayed observing me until 0530hrs. I refused to attend hospital as I was tired and didn't want to waste anybody's time further.

I have produced a map detailing where I was assaulted inside the Whitehouse Beer garden which I exhibit as JL/1

No person has the right or authority to assault me and make me feel threatened in a pub which I have the right to feel comfortable in. I would not like the same thing to happen to anybody else and that is why I am providing this statement to the Police.

I believe the male who bottled me is under 18 years old and is called [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

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