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**Date:** 22 April 2015

**TO: Councillors Green, Hunter and Hutton**

**Our Ref:** BJ

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Dear Councillor

**Licensing Hearing – Los Gringos**

Please find attached additional evidence submitted by the Lancashire Constabulary.

Please bring this information with you to the meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of the Head of Democratic Governance

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

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Statement of: PC 3127 Reynolds

Age if under 18: 0'18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 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: 21/04/15

I am PC 3127 Ben Reynolds of the Lancashire Constabulary currently based in the Police Licensing Department.

As part of my duties I have provided supporting representation toward a Licensing review hearing in relation to a takeaway situated on Dickson Road, Blackpool namely Los Gringos. Whilst researching this venue and its management and staff I was made aware by Blackpool Councils Licensing Enforcement and Health and Safety Manager namely Mark Marshall that in the last 12 to 18 months he has encountered two persons at the premises who have presented themselves as managing and being in charge of the premises namely Hamed Mechanan d.o.b 11/10/77 and Zak El Harak d.o.b 15/12/92. On researching the two males via the internal Police IT systems and Police National Computer I became aware of the following convictions:

Hamed Mechanan has convictions for:

Entering the UK by Deception in 2013

Possession with Intent to Supply in 2012

Possession of Class B in 2010

Possession of Class B in 2008

Possession of Class C in 2008

Zak El Harak has convictions for:

Theft-shoplifting in 2014

Failing to surrender to the courts in 2014

Theft from person x4 in 2011

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Assault x2 in 2011

With the aforementioned criminal history, it is my belief that neither Mr Mechanan nor Mr El Harak is a fit and proper candidate to run any licensed premises in the town of Blackpool. It is the belief of Lancashire Constabulary that Premises Licence Holders wishing to operate in Blackpool should be capable of, and willing to, promote the Licensing Objectives; with the objectives "The prevention of crime and disorder" and "The protection of children from harm" in mind, it is our opinion that the Premises Licence Holder and management at Los Gringos is neither.

Signature..... Signature Witnessed by .....

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