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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: Edward Daniel WHITE

Age if under 18: over 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: 02/08/16

I am PC 6965 WHITE of the Lancashire Constabulary, currently stationed at Blackpool Police Station as the community beat manager of the Talbot and Tyldesley ward.

I am writing this statement in objection to a proposed alcohol licence for a shop called Tipples on Central Drive in Blackpool.

As the community beat manager for the ward on which this premises sits, I believe that, if it were to be granted a licence it would exacerbate the existing problems in that locale. There is a documented problem with alcohol related crime and disorder with 82 reported crimes linked to alcohol consumption on the WA42 area of the Talbot policing ward (basically the outer environs of Central Drive) since the 1st of January 2016.

Local residents have raised the issue of on-street drinking as a problem at the Blackpool Business Forum this month and there are regularly calls to service from members of the public complaining about the same issue. There is also a local bye-law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the street in Blackpool. It is also relevant that Blackpool town centre is currently subject to a PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) which has been put in place to further enforce the problem of street-drinking. It could also be argued that those regularly breaching the PSPO in relation to this issue are obtaining their alcohol from one of the numerous small off-licences and shops in the Central Drive area.

With there being numerous outlets in that vicinity, where off-sales of alcohol are available, allowing another premises a licence seems somewhat pointless given the aforementioned facts.

Other factors, such as littering and other anti-social behaviour are often linked with the consumption of alcohol. These problems are prevalent in the area of Central Drive with 18 anti-social behaviour (ASB) logs being created on Central Drive alone in the last 3 months. In expanding the area to the WA42 beat area, the number rises to 193 reported incidents of ASB.

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