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**CLEVELAND POLICE**

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s9 MC Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r.27.1(1))

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Statement of Jason ARBUCKLE

Age if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "Over 18") Occupation POLICE OFFICER

This statement (consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I am Pc 1845 Arbuckle of Cleveland Police, I am currently attached to the District licensing unit and work from Middlesbrough Police station as a Police Licensing Officer.

Cleveland Police have received an application for a premises license to be granted, under the Licensing act 2003 at Sandy's mini Market, Addington Drive, Pallister Park, Middlesbrough. The premise is currently operating as general store and is seeking to be able to sell alcohol from 11 00am until 22 00pm, Monday to Saturday and from 11 00am until 21 00pm on Sundays.

This premise is situated very close private dwellings in a residential area and is next door to the Ayresome quoit & air rifle working men's club, which is a licensed premise.

As stated, the premise is situated in a residential area, in the ward known as Pallister.

The Pallister ward is situated in East Middlesbrough and includes Berwick Hills and Pallister Park. Pallister ward has been ranked as the 7<sup>th</sup> most deprived ward in the Tees Valley, from a possible 116 wards, it has also been ranked as the 56<sup>th</sup> most deprived ward in the whole country, out of a possible 7,932 wards.

I have conducted some checks on Cleveland Police computer systems and it paints a picture that indicates anti social behaviour, crime and disorder does occur in this and the surrounding area. Cleveland Police do receive reports stating that groups and gangs of youth are in the area and do cause problems for the local residents, by means of crime or anti social behaviour.

Cleveland Police are concerned that this premise will become a hotspot and magnet for anti social behaviour, crime and disorder, which in turn, will affect the lives of the local residents.

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It is of note, that anti social behaviour in the area Longcroft Walk has been raised as a neighbour priority for the area of Pallister. Longcroft Walk is in close proximity to Addington Drive.

To date, this premise hasn't sold alcohol but other licensed premises in the area do suffer from thefts involving alcohol, if granted, Cleveland Police feel that offences of theft at this store would increase which in turn would have an effect on Policing in the area.

I have also printed off a report, which I will exhibit as Police item JSA/1, this report shows the relationship between off licence density and alcohol harms in young people.

It is also of note that research has been conducted and was published in August of 2011, to measure the impact of alcohol on local communities. The 326 local authorities in England were researched and were ranked, a rank of 1 is the best local authority in England and a rank of 326 is the worst.

Middlesbrough is ranked as 295 for alcohol specific hospital admissions for persons under 18.

Middlesbrough is ranked as 321 for alcohol specific hospital admissions for males.

Middlesbrough is ranked as 320 for alcohol specific hospital admissions for females.

Middlesbrough is ranked as 324 for alcohol attributable hospital admissions for males.

Middlesbrough is ranked as 323 for alcohol attributable hospital admissions for females.

Middlesbrough is ranked as 318 for Binge drinking.

For these reasons Cleveland Police feel that granting this license would undermine the licensing objectives.

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