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**CLEVELAND POLICE**

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s9 MC Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r70)

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Statement of Emma WESTMORELAND

Age if under 18 OVER 18 (If over 18 insert "Over 18") Occupation Police Constable 2463

This statement (consisting of 2 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: 15/05/2020

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

I am a Police Constable in Cleveland Police presently stationed at Middlesbrough Police station in the Licensing Support Unit. On the 30/01/2020 I produced a statement regarding a request to review the licence of an on-licensed premise, Goldie's, High Street, Stockton. Cleveland Police request this review as we believe Goldie's has failed to uphold two of the licensing objectives, namely Preventing Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

Further to my original statement I would like to add that on the Wednesday 6th May 2020 I attended Stockton Borough Council's CCTV office and seized footage from them that I exhibit as EEW/4. The footage shows that on the night of Friday 20th May 2020 into the early morning of Saturday 21st May 2020 that CHE BAR was open until 02:33 hours when the illuminated sign above CHE BAR was turned off. This was not contrary to their licence however on the 11th March 2020 the World health Organisation had declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic.

In response to this on the 20th March 2020 the Prime Minister, Boris JOHNSON set out new national guidance in an aim to protect the NHS and flatten the curve of transmission.

In his speech to the nation the prime minister said

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"We are collectively telling, telling cafes, pubs, bars, restaurants to close tonight as soon as they reasonably can, and not to open tomorrow.

Exhibit EEW/4 clearly shows that CHE BAR remains open and that people can be seen congregating inside and outside the building until at 02:33 hours on the 21st March 2020 the venue is closed. The Prime Ministers instructions to "close tonight as soon as they reasonably can" was ignored. The decision to remain open put further people at risk of contracting coronavirus. The neighbouring premises on Stockton High Street adhered to the Prime Ministers instruction leaving only CHE BAR open.

On the 21st March 2020 I screen shot a post that CHE BAR had placed onto their facebook page. The page is called Che Stockton. I exhibit this screen shot as EEW/5. The screen shot states that CHE BAR will have to close tonight due to the recent government advice but that they will continue to serve their customers by running a drink delivery service called Just-Drink.

The post goes onto say that they are moving to a delivery service as they believe this is just what everyone needs in these difficult times " A good old drink" they also state that "If you can't do anything you might as well be drunk !" This is not a responsible advertisement and promotes people drinking to resolve and deal with problems. This in no way reflects the four licensing objectives and gives great cause for concern regarding public safety.

Signature


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