

## WITNESS STATEMENT

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Statement of:	PC 0781 GRYBA
Age (if under 18):	Over 18
Occupation:	Police Constable

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:	#0781 GRYBA,H.
Date:	11/06/2024

I am a uniformed police constable of Dorset Police working at Bournemouth South Police Station on the Neighbourhood policing team covering the area of Bournemouth Town Centre and Westbourne. I have been a police officer for five years and have held my current position for 2 years.

I make this statement in response to prohibit a license for Westover Express on WESTOVER ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH due to the ongoing issues in the area.

To be effective in my role as a Neighbourhood Police Officer I work closely with a large number of partner agencies which include the local authority, other emergency services, third party organisations and charities. My priority is to tackle the issues that impact heavily on the community and visitors that attend the area and to reduce the levels of crime and disorder and to improve public confidence in the Police and partner agencies. Our priorities currently include dealing with antisocial behaviour, homelessness, youth related disorder, county lines drugs misuse and violence. We also focus on problem solving crime series and acquisitive crime which have a negative impact on the local community and its economy such as shoplifting, theft from unattended motor vehicle and commercial burglaries.

BOURNEMOUTH is an area that I would describe as being extremely complex and diverse and is considered to be one of the premier places to live and visit in the country as a result of its seaside setting, high profile events that are held annually throughout the year, and because of its cosmopolitan make up and thriving night time economy.

Although busy throughout the year, the summer months naturally sees increased footfall into the area as a result of events, the picturesque locality and the vast array of hotels and this adds extra demand and strain on emergency services, more so than other times of the year which are also extremely busy.

BOURNEMOUTH is not alone in that it also attracts county lines drug related criminality, because of the town's demographics, and this has an impact on the clientele that attends the town. This illegal economy also attracts vulnerable individuals to the area and this includes young people and the homeless and drug users and this in itself creates issues for local policing.

The location of Westover Express is within an area known as Bournemouth Town Centre and is next to a known housing for homeless person where we have been receiving reports of ongoing ASB of persons congregating outside drinking/causing a general nuisance.

Over the past year we have had reports from WESTOVER ROAD of an increase in street drinkers, beggars, rough sleepers and shoplifters. Over the course of the summer last year I had attended days of action where counterfeit vapes were seized from the stores that are connected to Westover Express. During the summer there is an influx

of youths that will buy counterfeit vapes from stores in Bournemouth town centre which in turn attracts youths to come to town and commit offences of ASB.  
I am strongly against a license being given to Westover Express as it is in the best interest in the community to not have a license there.

Statement taken by:	PC 0781 GRYBA
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Station:	Bournemouth Police Station
Time and place statement taken:	11/06/2024