
APPENDIX 22

Section 9 Statement — [REDACTED] Owner Jo Alexander

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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2010, Rule 27.2)

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Statement of: [REDACTED]

Age if under 18: "018" (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation Business Owner

This statement (consisting of 3 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: [REDACTED]

Date 05/05/2017.

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

I am making this statement in relation to problems myself and my staff have had in the recent past with local street drinkers in LEIGHTON BUZZARD HIGH STREET and NORTH STREET.

I own Jo Alexander Beauty and am a joint owner at Sorrelli Cafe currently based on RIPA STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD. I have owned the Beauty Salon for 11 years and the Cafe for almost 5 years. Up until December 2016, my Beauty Salon was based in NORTH STREET, (BUZZARD) next to Cornish News. I have four staff working for me there. [REDACTED] has been there 10 years, [REDACTED] for 3 years and [REDACTED] for 2 years. All are fully qualified beauty therapists and work appointment and walk in basis.

The problems started around October 2015 where a group of homeless drunks started to congregate outside of the salon due to going into Cornish News for alcohol. They also used to buy cheap alcohol from BUZZ Wines.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of

I would describe the drinkers involved as mainly males but the odd female also being there. Ages range from mid thirties till about sixties. These drinkers caused a lot of distress and alarm to my staff as they would hang around directly outside, even leaning and sitting by the doorstep not allowing customers or staff to enter or leave the premises. I have had a few clients say to me that they would not come back to the salon because they felt intimidated by the drinkers. Times that I was at the salon I witnessed the drinkers drinking strong lager. I knew it was strong lager as I recognised the cans and they would often leave them on the doorstep empty for us to dispose of. This made the outside of the salon look dirty and unkempt. Also lots of cigarette butts and general rubbish in the area. There is a bin directly outside but they never used it. I have also heard them shouting and arguing amongst themselves, swearing and fighting with each other. One time this happened my staff had to lock themselves in as they were frightened. My staff have told me that they have also seen some of the drinkers urinating and being sick in the recess outside of the shop between us and Cornish News. After a year of putting up with this behaviour and my staff constantly complaining to me about what they have to put up with and the effect it is

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Signature witnessed by

Continuation of Statement of: [Redacted]

having on the business I felt I had no option but to move the Saloon to the other end of the town. I am now located in HOLIDAY STREET in a smaller premises but having to pay the same amount of rent quarterly. I also had to pay around £1000 in legal fees and another £1000 to decorate the new shop and £300 moving costs. I did not want to move but felt I had no choice. Since the move things have been a lot better.

I know some of the drinkers to be [Redacted]

[Redacted] a [Redacted] id. He is usually covered by a hat. He can often be seen wearing a big coat. He has a ragged look.

I also know one of the females to be called [Redacted]. I would describe her as a [Redacted] about [Redacted] and of a [Redacted] id. She is about [Redacted]

The impact on the businesses I own by the drinkers has been huge. Myself and my staff should not have to put up with this kind of behaviour and moving was the best thing I could have done.

I am willing to attend Court if needed.

Signature [Redacted]

Signature witnessed by [Redacted]

APPENDIX 23

Section 9 Statement – [REDACTED] Natures Harvest

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS (Criminal Justice Act, 1967 s9; Magistrates Courts Act, 1980, s102; Magistrates Courts Rules 1981, r70)

STATEMENT OF

Age of Witness OVER 18

Occupation

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Dated 12/5/17 Signature

I own a business called Nature's Harvest in North Street, Leighton Buzzard and I have owned it for 30 years

We have had a problem with street drinking and often for some time but about a year ago this situation got much worse.

At the back of the shop we have a car park and rear yard area and we regularly get 8-10 drunken hanging round the back. We have also had up to 12 ³⁻⁴ people sleeping rough in the covered area near to Upvan Wildan.

They have their bedding and rubbish under each the benches where they are about. Once they are up and about, they often take their stuff with them.

They also use the car park and a joining alley way as a toilet and there is often streams of urine on the area. It is disgusting, in my garage and a health hazard.

If any one is making late, staff have to face these people and are naturally scared and concerned.

Up until recently we used to get groups of drinkers

Signed

Taken by

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Continuation statement of [redacted]

and who is North Street. They used to be there for hours drinking but when they got drunk they are often aggressive and intimidating. I have previously seen them argue with taxi drivers and even fight with them.

This situation seems to have eased somewhat but as I stated they are drunk regularly and this creates causing problems.

This has had a significant effect on my business especially when they were commonly outside the shop in North Street, as customers were a bit nervous about coming in when they were around. In fact a table I have moved the beauty business directly as a result of their behaviour.

I have to walk my girls round to the cars park so that I know they are safe.

There are incidents one being and with the police in the street and now in the yard at the back. Some time it feels unsafe and I know that needles and glass containers have been found.

They drink and become and are abusive to each other, particularly and we all worried about what they were doing.

They are unpredictable when they have been drinking and I am concerned ~~as~~ are ~~about~~ quite capable of violence.

These previous issues people both staff and members of the public and we should not have to tolerate

Signed [redacted] Taken by [signature]

Continuation statement of.....



their behaviour.

I know that many businesses in North
Aberdeen are extremely worried about their direct
customers and their behaviour.

It also gives a very bad impression of the
Town to visitors.

Something needs to be done so that shop staff
and the public can feel safe again. ^{concerned and}

Although I support any action, I am ^{frustrated} ~~concerned~~
of requests to give evidence at Court.

Signed.....



Taken by.....

APPENDIX 24

Section 9 Statement



Bossard Court

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS (Criminal Justice Act, 1967 s9; Magistrates Courts Act, 1980, s102; Magistrates Courts Rules 1981, r70)

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

Age of Witness OVER 18

Occupation [REDACTED]

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Dated 11/4/17

Signature [REDACTED]

I live in Bassford Court in Leighton Buzzard where I live with my [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and we have lived here for 16 years.

This is a relatively quiet area even though we are very close to the Town Centre. We used to see the odd group of young people drinking and being a bit boisterous but nothing serious.

About 6 months ago the situation changed, I believe when the Black Horse refuge seemed to open up.

I started to see groups of males who seemed to be homeless and were obviously under the influence of drink. They would appear to wait across the road in West Street and then go into the Black Horse.

They also started to hang around outside the front of Taylors in North Street. They started hanging around this area on a regular basis.

They were often drinking publicly in the street and there would be arguments and shouting.

Signed [REDACTED]

Taken by [REDACTED]

Continuation statement of [redacted]

They drink lambrusco so some get more loopy than others. I have seen them urinate in the street against the wall which is both unpleasant and unacceptable. I have seen vomit on the pavement which I assume has come from them but I haven't actually seen them being sick.

They are outside most of the day. They are there when I go passed for work and again when I come home. They are dirty and smelly and leave bits of rubbish lying around.

When I see them, they are very intimidating so I tend to take the road or otherwise avoid them. I have seen other members of the public cross the road to avoid them as they are incredibly intimidating.

About 2 months ago, there were men walking sitting on the grassed area at the side of the Black Horse. They sit around in the open on the land when the weather fine and I have noticed that they leave a lot of rubbish and packets behind a back street it right in the area in the corner.

I believe that they may be sleeping there at night because I think there are a limited number of beds at the Black Horse.

The rubbish is largely hidden but you can see it and it is a large amount that gets added to each day.

Signed [redacted] Taken by [signature]

Continuation statement of.....

wired. I would give them a proper walk when my husband is with me and even then we try and avoid them.

Their presence and behaviour has affected my quality of life and I am always anxious when I see them or when I hear or change state.

Other people I have spoken to do not feel the same way but are too scared to say anything.

These drinks create a very poor image for the town which until recently has always had a nice friendly feel to it.

I don't want to have any more because am so afraid and anxious of these people. X

I would like to add that I have taken some photos of the gashed area and will try and send them to the Council. X

Signed..... X

Taken by.....

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APPENDIX 25

Section 9 Statement -- [REDACTED] of Bossard Court

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF WITNESS (Criminal Justice Act, 1967 s9; Magistrates Courts Act, 1980, s102; Magistrates Courts Rules 1981, r70)

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Dated 12/4/17

Signature

I live in Basford Court, Leighton Buzzard where
I live with [redacted]

We have lived here for 10 years.

When we moved in there weren't many problems, nearly was the Black Horse pub which at that time was operating as a proper pub. It was well run and there were no behaviour problems.

About 3 years ago the pub closed and I believe that at first the building was used initially as a women's refuge and we had all sorts of problems.

Within a matter of months the refuge closed down and it became a domestic person refuge.

All over in immediately we started having problems with drunken who started to hang around in the Town and near our house.

A lot of the people who stayed there were no problem but some were banned and not allowed to

and it is these problem people who are causing problems.

They still go there for meals but are not allowed to stay there overnight so tend to hang around trying

Signed

Taken by

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Continuation statement of [redacted]

No. just somewhere to sleep.
About 3 weeks ago, several men started to sleep on the grassed area at the side of my house behind the bushes.

They use sleeping bags and duvets and sleep behind the bushes. While they are there they drink, smoke and are abusive to people and each other.

Up until the weekend, they tended to leave their bedding and other stuff in the bushes but Wynn, the Reverend told them to clear it up so now they tend to take it with them.

One of the regulars is called [redacted] and he has got a lock in which which he has his bedding about in.

I have also seen on a regular basis, people also camping under the building in the rear yard behind Taylor's estate agents.

I have seen the same people living in residence in North Street in the Buzen works and they seem to be there on a regular basis.

These dentures are dirty, smelly and unhygienic and I have seen both males and females peeing and defecating in the area where the bushes are.

Nowadays, these dentures get on the area about 8:00 pm. as it starts getting dark but they have been there most of the day until Wynn said to them

Signed [redacted] Taken by [signature]

Continuation statement of.....

About it was reflecting on her and the shelter. So, at least for the moment they tend to drift away during the day but I don't know if this will last.

Wyn is in charge of the homeless shelter and how best to help to get them away.

I can also ensure that they are around because I can smell the smell of cannabis when they smoke regularly.

When they are there, they are discussing and feel language on a regular basis and I am afraid that my bin will hear that and pick up the words and speak them.

My garden bushes are about two and a half metres high. It was because of the smell and the language that they use.

About 2 months ago, one of them picked some wood up and got high enough to speak to me over the fence. He tried to strike up a conversation but I had to ignore him and get inside the house as quickly as I could.

This disturbance now happens every night and at least one of them sleeps there and sometimes more. There has been up to 3 sleeping there at night but up to 5 of them during the day hanging around.

Although I have it had the language directed at me, the language itself and their behaviour is not unattractive.

Signed.....

Taken by.....

Continuation statement of.....



I don't like walking back that way with my son because they are there and sometimes I have to make a long walk just to go round them

I find their behaviour disgusting and shameful and I and my family are badly exposed to it.

They have affected my quality of life and made me alter the way I go through because they are there

This situation is causing me a great deal of stress and we are looking deep over the situation As I stated I cannot use my garden and when I have to walk passed in North Street I find that presence and behaviour scary and worrying

I love my house but these people make me feel unsafe and as if I don't want to live here any more

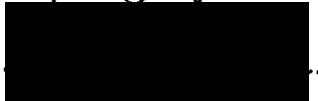
Their behaviour is unnecessary and really upsetting and something needs to be done to stop this happening

I and my family need peace of mind and to try and feel safe which I don't at the moment

I also believe that some if not all are taking hard drugs because I have seen needles discarded in that area and that is a major danger to children and other people from contaminated needles This is also a very worrying and frightening situation

I also believe from what I have seen that they are also selling drugs from that location as I have seen things

Signed.....



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Continuation statement of.....



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Signed.....



.....Taken by.....

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