



# AGENDA

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## LICENSING COMMITTEE

**Date: TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2022 at 7.00 pm**

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### **MEMBERS**

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### **Councillors:**

Councillor Susan Wise (Chair)  
Councillor Yemisi Anifowose (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Bill Brown  
Councillor Coral Howard  
Councillor Stephen Hayes  
Councillor Edison Huynh  
Councillor Mark Jackson  
Councillor Eva Kestner  
Councillor Liam Shrivastava  
Councillor Luke Warner

**Members are summoned to attend this meeting**

**Kim Wright**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Laurence House**  
**Catford**  
**London SE6 4RU**  
**Date: 29 July 2022**

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## Licensing Committee

### Minutes

**Date:** 9 August 2022

**Key decision:** No

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Contributors:** Chief Executive

### Outline and recommendations

**Members are asked to consider the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee, held on 21 June and 13 July 2022.**

#### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee, held on 21 June and 13 July 2022 be confirmed and signed.

# Agenda Item 2



## Licensing Committee

### Declarations of Interest

**Date:** 9 August 2022

**Key decision:** No

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Contributors:** Chief Executive

### Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

## 1. Summary

1.1. Members must declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda. There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct:

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests.

1.2. Further information on these is provided in the body of this report.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

### 3. Disclosable pecuniary interests

3.1 These are defined by regulation as:

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person\* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person\* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.
- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member’s knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person\* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:
  - (a) that body to the member’s knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
    - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person\* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

\*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

### 4. Other registerable interests

4.1 The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes, or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25.

## 5. Non registerable interests

- 5.1. Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members' Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member's child attends).

## 6. Declaration and impact of interest on members' participation

- 6.1. Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take no part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**
- 6.2. Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph 6.3 below applies.
- 6.3. Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- 6.4. If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- 6.5. Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

## 7. Sensitive information

- 7.1. There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

## 8. Exempt categories

- 8.1. There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-
- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
  - (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or

guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor

- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception).

# Agenda Item 3



## Licensing Committee

**Report title:** Millwall Café 1-3 Zampa Road Bermondsey SE16 3LF

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** New Cross Gate

**Contributors:** Community Services - Safer Communities Service and Head of Law

### Outline and recommendations

Determination of Temporary Event Notice Application - After having regard to all the representations heard, Members must take such steps as they consider appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

### Timeline of engagement and decision-making

To consider the application for a Temporary Event Notice. The options open to members of the Committee are set out in paragraph 4 below.

**Proposal:** Temporary Event Notice (TEN)

**Legislation:** Licensing Act 2003

**Premises:** Millwall Café 1-3 Zampa Road Bermondsey SE16 3LF

**Applicant:** Zara Grimes

This matter is required to be heard within a short timescale to meet the statutory requirements. The notice was served in accordance with section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003.

#### 1. Notice Content & Objection

- 1.1 The Temporary Event Notice is for the following activity to take place in a currently unlicensed premises.

From 12:00 – 15:00hrs on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022:

- 1.2 The provision of Alcohol for consumption ON and OFF the premises.
- 1.3 The notice was served on the Metropolitan Police (MPS) and other responsible authorities on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022. An objection was received from the MPS within the specified time limit in accordance with section 104 of the Licensing Act 2003 – The objection was received in relation to the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Preservation of Public Safety.

## **2. Legal and Human Rights Implications**

- 2.1 Where an objection notice is received following a Temporary Event Notice a licensing authority is required to hold a hearing. In this case the Licensing Authority is required to consider whether the proposed temporary event will promote the crime prevention and public nuisance licensing objectives.
- 2.2 The licensing authority is a public authority under the Human Rights Act 1998. Therefore the Licensing Authority is under a duty to act compatibly with Convention Rights in the exercise of their function. Article 6 (1) of the Convention provides that everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial hearing established by law.
- 2.3 The right to give a Temporary Event Notice falls within the scope of civil rights and obligations in Article 6 (1) as it relates, in this case, to a Premises Licence holder's right to pursue commercial activity. This right is a qualified right therefore it may be interfered with if it is appropriate to protect the general interest of the community.

## **3. Equalities Implications**

- 3.1 The Equality Act 2010 includes a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or duties) the duty covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race or religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 3.2 In summary the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to-
  - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
  - foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.3 As with the case with the original separate duties, the new duty continues to be a "have regard duty" and the weight to attach to it is a matter for the committee bearing in mind the relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.

#### 4. Determination of objection notice

4.1 After having regard to all the representations heard, Members must take such steps as they consider appropriate to promote the prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance. Therefore the Licensing Committee may;

1. Decide no action is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives therefore the temporary event may go ahead.
2. Impose one or more conditions on the standard temporary event notice if-
  - a. the authority considers it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to do so, AND if
  - b. the conditions are also imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate that has effect in respect of the same premises, or any part of the same premises, as the standard temporary event notice, and
  - c. the conditions would not be inconsistent with the carrying of licensable activities under the standard temporary event notice
3. Issue a counter notice if it considers it is appropriate to promote the licensing objectives, therefore the temporary event may not go ahead.

4.2 There is a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against a decision either to give a counter notice or to allow the temporary event to go ahead.

#### **Background Papers**

<u>Short Title of Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Appendix</u>
Temporary Event Notice		
Application rec'd	28/07/2022	
<u>Police Objection</u>		
Objection rec'd	28/07/2022	

Should you require any further information on this report please contact Richard Lockett of the Safer Communities Service on 020 8314 3389

## Temporary Event Notice

Before completing this notice, please read the guidance notes at the end of the notice. If you are completing this notice by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases, ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink or typed. Use additional sheets if necessary. You should keep a copy of the completed notice for your records. You must send at least one copy of this notice to the licensing authority and additional copies must be sent to the chief officer of police and the local authority exercising environmental health functions for the area in which the premises are situated. The licensing authority will give to you written acknowledgement of the receipt of the notice.

I, the proposed premises user, hereby give notice under section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003 of my proposal to carry on a temporary activity at the premises described below.

1. The personal details of premises user (Please read note 1)			
1. Your name			
Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
Surname	GRIMES		
Forenames	TARA		
2. Previous names (Please enter details of any previous names or maiden names, if applicable. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)			
Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
Surname			
Forenames	TARA		
3. Your date of birth		Day 1	Month
4. Your place of birth		LONDON	
5. National Insurance Number			
6. Your current address (We will use this address to correspond with you unless you complete the separate correspondence box below)			
Post town LONDON			
7. Other contact details			
Telephone numbers			
Daytime			
Evening (optional)			
Mobile (optional)			
Fax number (optional)			
E-Mail address (if available)			
8. Alternative address for correspondence (If you complete the details below, we will use this address to correspond with you)			

Post town	Postcode
9. Alternative contact details (if applicable)	
Telephone numbers: Daytime	
Evening (optional)	
Mobile (optional)	
Fax number (optional)	
E-Mail address (if available)	

<b>2. The premises</b>	
Please give the address of the premises where you intend to carry on the licensable activities or, if it has no address, give a detailed description (including the Ordnance Survey references) (Please read note 2)	
MILLWALL CAFÉ FORCOURT 1 – 3 ZAMPA ROAD BERMONDSEY SE16 3LF	
Does a premises licence or club premises certificate have effect in relation to the premises (or any part of the premises)? If so, please enter the licence or certificate number below.	
Premises licence number	N/A
Club premises certificate number	N/A
If you intend to use only part of the premises at this address or intend to restrict the area to which this notice applies, please give a description and details below. (Please read note 3)	
WE WILL PARK OUR VAN ON THE EXTERNAL HARDSTANDING OUTSIDE THE CAFÉ BY THE SEATING AREA.	
Please describe the nature of the premises below. (Please read note 4)	
THE PREMISES IS A CAFÉ OUTSIDE MILLWALL FOOTBALL STADIUM AND WE WILL BE SELLING ALCOHOL ON THE FORCOURT BEFORE THE MATCH.	
Please describe the nature of the event below. (Please read note 5)	

THE VAN WILL SELL ALCOHOL TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CAFÉ AND PEOPLE ATTENDING THE MATCH. NO BOTTLES, CANS OR GLASS WILL BE SOLD. ALL DRINKS WILL BE DECANTED INTO PLASTIC VESSELS AT THE POINT OF SALE. OUR STAFF WILL OBSERVE THE CHALLENGE 25 RULING. I AM A PERSONAL LICENCE HOLDER AND FULLY AWARE OF THE 4 LICENSING OBJECTIVIES.

3. The licensable activities		
Please state the licensable activities that you intend to carry on at the premises (please tick all licensable activities you intend to carry on). (Please read note 6)		
The sale by retail of alcohol		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club		<input type="checkbox"/>
The provision of regulated entertainment (Please read note 7)		<input type="checkbox"/>
The provision of late night refreshment		<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you giving a late temporary event notice? (Please read note 8)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please state the dates on which you intend to use these premises for licensable activities. (Please read note 9)		
13 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022		
Please state the times during the event period that you propose to carry on licensable activities (please give times in 24 hour clock). (Please read note 10)		
11:00 – 15:00 HOURS		
Please state the maximum number of people at any one time that you intend to allow to be present at the premises during the times when you intend to carry on licensable activities, including any staff, organisers or performers. (Please read note 11)		
If the licensable activities will include the sale or supply of alcohol, please state whether these will be for consumption on or off the premises, or both (please tick as appropriate). (Please read note 12)	On the premises only	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Off the premises only	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please state if the licensable activities will include the provision of relevant entertainment. If so, please state the times during the event period that you propose to provide relevant entertainment (including, but not limited to lap dancing and pole dancing). (Please see note 13)

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4. Personal licence holders (Please read note 14)		
Do you currently hold a valid personal licence? (Please tick)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes" please provide the details of your personal licence below.		
Issuing licensing authority	SOUTHWARK COUNCIL	
Licence number		
Date of issue	08/04/21	
Any further relevant details		

5. Previous temporary event notices you have given (Please read note 15 and tick the boxes that apply to you)		
Have you previously given a temporary event notice in respect of any premises for events falling in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving this temporary event notice?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If answering yes, please state the number of temporary event notices (including the number of late temporary event notices, if any) you have given for events in that same calendar year	1	
Have you already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. Associates and business colleagues (Please read note 16 and tick the boxes that apply to you)		
Has any associate of yours given a temporary event notice for an event in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving a temporary event notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If answering yes, please state the total number of temporary event notices (including the number of late temporary event notices, if any) your associate(s) have given for events in the same calendar year.		
Has any associate of yours already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities given a temporary event notice for an event in the same calendar year as the event for which you are now giving a temporary event notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If answering yes, please state the total number of temporary event notices (including the number of late temporary event notices, if any) your business colleague(s) have given for events in the same calendar year.		
Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7. Checklist (Please read note 17)	
I have: (Please tick the appropriate boxes, where applicable)	
Sent at least one copy of this notice to the licensing authority for the area in which the premises are situated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sent a copy of this notice to the chief officer of police for the area in which the premises are situated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sent a copy of this notice to the local authority exercising environmental health functions for the area in which the premises are situated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the premises are situated in one or more licensing authority areas, sent at least one copy of this notice to each additional licensing authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the premises are situated in one or more police areas, sent a copy of this notice to each additional chief officer of police	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the premises are situated in one or more local authority areas, sent a copy of this notice to each additional local authority exercising environmental health functions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Made or enclosed payment of the fee for the application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Signed the declaration in Section 9 below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8. Condition (Please read note 18)
It is a condition of this temporary event notice that where the relevant licensable activities described in Section 3 above include the sale or supply of alcohol that all such supplies are made by or under the authority of the premises user.

9. Declarations (Please read note 19)
The information contained in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
I understand that it is an offence: (i) to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in or in connection with this temporary event notice and that a person is liable on summary conviction for such an offence to a fine of any amount; and (ii) to permit an unauthorised licensable activity to be carried on at any place and that a person is liable on summary conviction for any such offence to a fine of any amount, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.

Has any person with whom you are in business carrying on licensable activities already given a temporary event notice for the same premises in which the event period: a) ends 24 hours or less before; or b) begins 24 hours or less after the event period proposed in this notice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Signature	<i>Tara Grimes</i>
Date	22/07/22
Name of Person signing	TARA GRIMES



PL – Lewisham Borough

Email: Gillian.D.Pearce@met.pnn.police.uk  
www.met.police.uk

Your ref – Ten Millwall Forecourt  
13/8/2022  
28<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Licensing Team,

I have received a Temporary Events Notice on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for an event to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 on the Millwall café forecourt 1-3 Zampa Road Bermondsey SE16 3LF.

The event is proposed as taking place at the café outside Millwall football stadium, where a van will be parked on the hardstanding outside the café by the seating area and selling alcohol between the hours of 1100am to 1500pm, before the match.

I wish to object to this TEN on the ground of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Preservation of public safety.

Millwall Football Stadium is a large football stadium with a maximum capacity of 20,000 people. Although it is not anticipated to have that many people at the match on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022 there will be several thousand people in attendance and this is managed by a large police presence. The planning of this police presence is managed weeks before a match dependant on who is playing and planned capacity.

Entry and egress routes are carefully monitored to prevent crime and disorder as are the local drinking venues who are already established as supporters choice of drinking venues. These venues already have strict alcohol licences in place and can be managed if they do not adhere to the licensing objectives.

To have this venue placed directly outside MillWall Football stadium will impact on police planning and numbers required to oversee the safety of those in attendance at this match and the wider public.

It is anticipated it will draw crowds to the van and therefore prevent free flow of persons and traffic causing an obstruction. Supporters will linger at the site in groups and clusters making the situation difficult to police. The road next to the proposed site of the van is important to the entry and egress of both coaches taking fans to and

from the ground and to those who have to park at the stadium. Crowds gathered by the van will hinder cars getting away which will add to the potential for public disorder. This also makes the possibility of a road traffic accident more likely.

Once the supporters have gone into the grounds to watch the match the van will remain on site drawing non entrees to the site to drink alcohol therefore causing larger capacity than has been planned for and creating a disturbance to the wider community. The planned hours are 1100am to 1900pm which is a considerable time for people to gather at the venue and become intoxicated which has the possibility of causing a hostile environment when supporters leave the ground after the match.

Millwall football ground has its own licenced bar that supporters are able to use to buy alcohol. This bar is monitored and experienced in dealing with large capacity crowds. It is unknown if the club has been approached by this applicant to gain their thoughts/permissions for this pop up pub to sell drinks to their patrons and possibly cause their patrons to consume more alcohol than they might. This may also lead to aggression within the ground itself. Supporters of opposing teams are monitored in the local venues and this will not be possible with a van parked on the pavement in the open public.

Yours sincerely,

PC Gillian Pearce 2176SE  
Licensing Team Lewisham

### WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980, s.5B**

URN

Statement of: Sam Moore

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert ‘over 18’) Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of one 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.

Witness Signature: ..... Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

I am a Police Constable in the Metropolitan Police and work on the Central Football Unit. I have been part of this unit since 2020 and have been a Police Officer since 2009.

This statement relates to an application being made by Millwall Café, 3 Bolina Road, London, SE16 for an alcohol licence to enable them to serve alcohol on a football match day.

If an alcohol licence was to be granted I think it could cause significant issues for The MPS, Millwall Football Club and those supporters attending The Den to watch football. The Millwall Café in itself is an iconic site in the Millwall footprint, it is already busy on match days and sees people seated inside and out.

The outside area of the café is already extremely densely populated and sees supporters congregating on the footpath and roadway adjacent to the building. Although the large gathering of people on most days is manageable, it can cause issues when a large number of away coaches need to get into the away compound.

This was most recently the case when Millwall played Stoke City on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022. There were 18 travelling coaches which gain entry into the away compound via Stockholm Road and across the front of the stadium. Due to the large gathering around and outside of the café, it took a large number of Police resources, including mounted branch to manage the crowds and enable the safe passage of those travelling coaches.

What is usually seen as some inter-rivalry ‘banter’ when the coaches come across the stadium and into Bolina Road, generally sees some banging on windows and anti social behaviour. Like mentioned previously this is manageable, however it can escalate to supporters exiting coaches to engage in disorder and/or violence.

This has all occurred whilst no alcohol is being sold or consumed on the premises of Millwall Café. I fear that the alcohol consumed, will see poor behaviour exaggerated, escalating to missiles being thrown, damage caused and persons injured.

In my opinion, the addition of an alcohol licence will see the generally good behaviour of most supporters decline as they consume alcohol from around four hours before kick-off.

Witness Signature: .....

Signature Witnessed by Signature:.....

Continuation of Statement of: Sam Moore

It is well known that football violence and fan behaviour saw a sharp increase last year as the world got back to normal following the pandemic. It is no secret that alcohol is a primary factor and likely contributor to violence and disorder around football. The addition of an alcohol licence at the Millwall Café will pose a threat to safety, security and match-day experience for the vast majority.

If a licence was to be granted, without doubt more Police resources would be needed to Police the footprint around Millwall. This will come as an extra cost to both the MPS and potentially Millwall Football Club. In a time when money is tight and efforts are being made to scale back Policing resources where possible, this would be a backward step.

Witness Signature: .....

Signature Witnessed by Signature:.....





