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**Sent:** 18 September 2013 16:03  
**To:** Russ Howell  
**Cc:** Lisa Vaughan; Worthington Mark; Paul Maylunn  
**Subject:** Euro Foods 28A Rockingham Road, Kettering  
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Mr Howell,

I am aware that Mr Paul Maylunn has submitted an application for the review of the Premises Licence for the above mentioned premises, on behalf of Northamptonshire Trading Standards Service.

Please find below a representation in support of this review made on behalf on Northamptonshire Police. This representation includes supporting evidence in the form a written statement made by PCSO Nadia Norman.

The Premises Licence for Euro Foods was transferred into the name of the current owner, Mr Arasi AHMADI, in July 2012. As a result of concerns around the proper licensing of the store and 'street drinking' whilst the premises were under the control of the previous owner I visited the premises on 13th July 2012 and spoke with Mr AHMADI. Personal details were checked and verified and advice was given around the sale of alcohol and proper control of persons buying alcohol from the store.

On 01st September 2012 police officers attended the premises in response to a report that a large fight was taking place inside the shop. several Eastern European males exited the premises as officers arrived and witnesses state that these males had been fighting amongst themselves. It was evident that these males had been purchasing alcohol from the shop and consuming it outside in the street. PC 1198 Sae-Thang attempted to advise the shop owner around selling alcohol to drunks and allowing them to consume the alcohol outside of his premises, however, his response was merely to blame the police for not turning up as quickly as he would have liked.

The premises were visited on 26th Oct 2012 by Police and Trading Standards officers when PC 440 White seized a number of identification documents that were apparently being held by the PLH in respect of unpaid debts. The following items were seized and retained: 25 x Driving Licences / 3 x Passports / 2 x Bank cards. The majority of these documents clearly belonged to Polish and Lithuanian nationals. Mr AHMADI was subsequently interviewed and advised by PC White in respect of these documents.

The Area surrounding the premises has been subject to an 'AO1' since April 2013 and forms part of a 'DPPO' - (These terms are further explained by PCSO Norman in the accompanying statement).

On 19th May 2013 at around 1845hrs PCSO Norman attended the premises after being informed by the Borough CCTV control room that there was a group of males outside of the store drinking alcohol. PCSO Normans statement details the level of drunkenness encountered and the fact that she had to call for assistance due to the demeanour and behaviour of some of the males. Again it was highlighted albeit not evidenced that 'drunken sales' were taking place.

In view of the concerns documented and the findings of Northamptonshire Trading Standards officers it is clear that the licensing objective of 'Preventing Crime and Disorder' is not being properly promoted.

Regards,

Kev.

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Statement of : Nadia Norman

Age if under 18 : over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation : Police Community Support 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 the above named Police Community Support Officer with Northamptonshire Police working at Kettering Police Station.

This statement is regarding behaviour and information regarding a shop which forms part of my beat as a local PCSO.

This shop is EUROFOODS, 28a ROCKINGHAM ROAD, KETTERING.

The area is covered under an A01 NP/5823/13– (Anti Social Behaviour Crime) relating to conduct linked to street drinking and the impact on the local communities. This has been in place since APRIL 2013 although the problems stem from much earlier, as far back as 2011.

The MO of the A01 reads: "EASTERN EUROPEAN MALES REPEATEDLY USE THE LOCATION TO DRINK ALCOHOL DESPITE BEING A DPPO LOCATION. COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF DRUNKEN BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS URINATING IN A PUBLIC PLACE, SHOUTING AND SWEARING."

The area including the shop fronts on Rockingham Road is part of a DPPO (Designated Public Place Order) which means that it is in effect an alcohol free zone, and means that officers and PCSO's can confiscate open containers of alcohol, and demand names and addresses of those causing ASB or disorder. We applied for an extension to the DPPO in early 2011, after EURO FOODS and KETTERING FOOD AND WINE opened on Rockingham Road. We had noticed an increase in calls regarding alcohol related disorder and ASB, especially out of the front of the shops.

Section 27 dispersal orders have also been used by Police Offices within the A01 area and DPPO area. Officers can state how long a person is banned from the area from. This can be 12, 24, or 48 hours depending on the severity of the behaviour. If this banning order is breached then the person can be arrested and held for court.

We have been actively using Section 27 notices as an enforcement measure against the street drinkers since the beginning of the A01 in April 2013.

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 I submitted a 60a relating to EUROFOODS.

I had received a call from Kettering Borough CCTV operators stating that there was a group of males outside EUROFOODS drinking alcohol. I was passed a description of a male in a white t shirt and a red jumper around his shoulders seen to re enter EUROFOODS and return with a can of alcohol. This male and the group had been

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## Continuation of Statement for : Nadia Norman

spoken to less than ten minutes before by another PCSO colleague and had their alcohol confiscated. Another male had been seen on CCTV lying across the front of a car bonnet which was parked outside EUROFOODS. As I approached the group, a blonde female who had been stood talking to the males re entered EUROFOODS from outside. As I passed the door, she was stood behind the counter serving a customer. A male then emerged from standing behind an electricity box across the road with his back to me. He was doing up the fly on his trousers as he stumbled back across the road, clearly intoxicated, having to avoid traffic, and it had been obvious that he had been urinating behind the box. This male was asked by me to hand over his alcohol can but he refused and carried on drinking from it. At this point I had to request assistance as none of the males were complying with my requests to hand over alcohol containers. All the males in the groups smelt strongly of alcohol, and their demeanour and behaviour were intimidating and rowdy.

The male who had been urinating was given a Section 27 by officers who attended, and the group were eventually dispersed after having their alcohol cans confiscated.

I entered EUROFOODS and spoke to the blonde female, to discuss the fact of CCTV seeing a clearly drunk male exiting their shop with another can of alcohol. There was another female present in the shop that spoke very clear English and seemed to understand the issue around selling alcohol to drunken people, added to the fact of the DPPO and running A01.

On various occasions, I have been into EUROFOODS on Rockingham Road to advise staff in regards to the A01 and the DPPO, and how as shop owners and staff they are partly responsible for the behaviour of persons outside their shop and to report incidents of disorder and ASB to the police.

In 2011, all shops were advised of the extension to the DPPO and the impact this may have on their customers.

The shop staff have been told repeatedly that the police would support and assist them if they needed to call in, and I have repeatedly given them contact cards with personal contact details and switchboard numbers.

So far, we have not received any contact.

My main concern with EUROFOODS is the fact that staff are regularly stood outside with the street drinkers, even though they are well aware that these groups should not be there at all. They clearly know the prolific offenders, as witnessed by myself in relation to the 60a submitted in May. They have little regard in relation to the behaviour of their staff encouraging the loitering of groups around EUROFOODS.

Members of the local Eastern European community have stated to me previously that EUROFOODS is well known to sell counterfeit and cheap tobacco within the shop.

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