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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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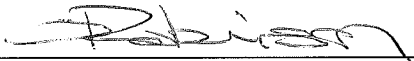
Statement of: Oliver ROBINSON 31806

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Assistant Licensing Officer

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 anything in it, which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:



Date 23/04/2015

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

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(supply witness details on rear)

I am an Assistant Licensing Officer for the West Sussex Neighbourhood Licensing Team based at Horsham Police Station covering Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex. My role requires completing statutory process under the Licensing Act 2003 including assisting in review applications. I am aware a review application has been Submitted by Sussex Police in relation to West Sussex Wines, Ifiled Parade, Crawley. Subsequently an a premises licenece transfer has been submitted to transfer the licence from Mr Atul DAVE to Mr Kamel PATEL and Mr Darshan PATEL.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 1518 hours, I received an email from Mr Mike LYONS who is the Senior Licensing Officer for Crawley Borough Council. The below is a direct copy of his email to myself:

Hello Oli,

FYI

At approx. 13.30hrs on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015, I visited West Sussex Wines, I entered the premises and I introduced myself as Licensing Officer to a shop assistant who was unknown to me, I asked to see the 'boss', the staff member made a phone call and within a minute to my surprise Mr Atul Dave appeared.

During our very short conversation Atul confirmed it was still his business and it may take a couple of months to go through, my surprise was clearly evident as I stated the 'review' hearing was scheduled for next week and I was led to believe that a sale of the business was imminent. Atul then asked for my advice on the matter of the business and the forthcoming hearing to which I was in no position to give any such advice and referred him to Dorset Licensing, end of visit.

Regards

Mike Lyons

Senior Licensing Officer

