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WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967. s.9)

URN: [REDACTED]

Statement of: PC 3103 Gemma GIBBS

Age if under 18:

Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 2 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 may be required to attend court and that 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. [REDACTED]

Date: 19.12.25

I am PC 3103 Gemma GIBBS, an appointed Licensing Officer with West Mercia Police, having delegated authority from the Chief Officer to exercise powers under the Licensing Act 2003

West Mercia Police have been made aware of an application for the review of a premise license of Magazin Timisoara, 22 Commercial Road, Hereford, brought about by Hereford Licensing Authority following 4 visits to the premise, with 3 in the last month which have highlighted a number of breaches of their licensing conditions. I was made aware of a visit to the premise on the 5th September 2025 by licensing officers whereby a number of breaches of the licensing conditions were found.

On 23rd September 2025 myself and PC 2510 Okeeffe attended the premise following on from the previous visit and to ascertain if the previous breaches identified had been addressed. While there we spoke to [REDACTED] who identified herself as the premise manager. Also present was a female who identified herself as [REDACTED] who worked at the premise as a shop assistant.

[REDACTED] was able to produce evidence of their training, their incident log book, their refusals log and a written age police – that being “challenge 25”.

However, it was noted that their window display was displaying high percentage alcohol, above 15% and these bottles of alcohol were covering both sides of the window, top to bottom. The premise door was also open which was also covered with signage.

There was also a cabinet present at the front of the store which was displaying spirits of 25, 28 and 40%. Advice was given in regards to their conditions which state:

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Statement of. Gemma Gibbs

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"The premises licence holder will ensure that there is an unobstructed view at all times into the licensable area of the premises. In respect of any street facing the windows, any obstruction will be restricted to the top 25% of the window and the bottom 25% of the window in each case. (Window refers to the whole area covered by glass). This will mean that at least 50% of all windows and 100% of all doors looking into the premises from Commercial Road are clear of obstruction. No obstruction includes any permanent or temporary signage placed on glass surfaces of doors and windows, as well as any other item within the shop which obstructs the view through the window."

Appropriate guidance was given in regards to removal of the high percentage alcohol and removal of items from the window and door in order to comply with their conditions.

Details of our visit was fed back to the licensing committee who, as a result sent a warning letter to the premise.

On 20th November 2025 PC O'KEEFFE and I returned to the store to follow up on the previous two visits. On arrival we spoke to [REDACTED]

It was noted that the premise licence had been placed in a prominent position on the wall, however a fridge had been placed in front of it partially obstructing it. Challenge 25 signs were being displayed and I was able to view two recent invoices relating to the purchase of alcohol and tobacco to sell, however I was informed all other invoices were currently with the accountant.

I was glad to see some advice had been taken in regards to the last visit and the door had been cleared completely of signs which had previously obstructed the view. The windows had also been considerably cleared since the previous visit, however, there were still obstructions within the middle section of the window, contrary to their conditions. There were also still bottles of alcohol being displayed in the window which were 30% abv and above.

While in attendance at the premise, a male arrived who identified himself as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that he was the owner and was going to become the DPS once he had completed his personal licence course. When asked where the current DPS, Hemen NIGEEN was, [REDACTED] stated that he was in the kebab shop which was a couple of doors away. [REDACTED] stated that HEMEN still attended the premise and was involved in the running of the business.

Hereford Licensing Authority were again made aware of the visit and as a result of the re occurrent breaches have raised a review of the premise license.

The application for review made by Hereford Licensing Authority was received by West Mercia Police Alcohol Licensing department on 26th November 2025. West

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Mercia police licensing department supports this application to review the Premise Licence on the grounds of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

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