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Application for Closure Order: The West Green Pool Club, 428 West Green Road N15 3PL

Closure Order application made under **Section 80 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**, in respect of the address The West Green Pool Club, 428 West Green Road N15 3PL.

I, PC Ben BOULTER, am a Dedicated Ward Officer for West Green, Haringey Borough. I have held this position since September 2018. I make the application on the following grounds:

The West Green Pool Club is a café/snooker hall located on West Green Road, N15.

For the past year, West Green and St Ann's Wards Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been receiving reports of drugs being stored and dealt within the club. Local residents have complained to officers on numerous occasions that the club is attracting individuals who have the appearance of drug users to the area, which causes residents to feel unsafe in the area.

Officers have attended the address on multiple occasions. It is rare to see any patrons in the club, and the place has a dilapidated feel and gives the impression of not being used as a genuine café or social club. Officers have seen two large mastiff-type dogs on the premises, and whoever has been working behind the till at the time has always seemed to be very keen to usher officers away from the rear area of the shop particularly.

West Green SNT applied to Uxbridge Magistrates Court for a warrant under Section 23(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. This was executed on the morning of Friday 06/09/2019. Inside the club officers found nine males, three of whom were in possession of cannabis stored in snap-seal bags. These males were issued with Community Resolution notices. A search of the address with a drug sniffer dog found a large sealed bag, itself containing approximately eighty to one hundred individually wrapped snap-seal bags of cannabis which I would estimate to be worth in the region of fifteen hundred to two thousand pounds. In addition, officers found two separate carrier bags filled with loose cannabis cuttings hidden behind the CCTV screen in the rear room of the property. Officers also seized five invoice books containing what appeared to be records of drug transactions, evidencing drug dealing occurring at the address.

Due to the length of time that this issue appears to have been ongoing it is my belief that a full closure is necessary in order to prevent the continued use of the club as a place to store and deal drugs. This will prevent drug dealers and users from frequenting the address, and serve to increase quality of life

for local residents, who report that they are worried and afraid as a result of the presence of drug users.

I have attached an MG11 written by myself detailing the detrimental impact that the address is having on the community as well as the warrant executed by police and the items seized.