

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Edward Nowak

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police 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 in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Witness Signature: Edward Nowak Date: 28/11/2025

My name is Edward Nowak and I have been the Sergeant with the Northumberland Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team since October 2023. I submit this representation opposing the application by Tottenham Post Office, Post Office, 824-828 High Road, N17 0EZ.

Northumberland Park is currently subject to a Clear, Hold, Build initiative – a Home Office framework designed to tackle serious and organised crime and reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB) through a multi-agency approach. The success of this project relies on reducing opportunities for crime and disorder and stabilising the area.

The proposed extension of alcohol sales until 02:00 is contrary to these aims and will negatively impact the following Licensing Objectives under the Licensing Act 2003:

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Late-night alcohol availability is strongly correlated with increased crime and disorder. Northumberland Park has been identified as a high-harm area with organised criminal activity. Extending hours will provide further opportunities for criminal exploitation and violence.

2. Prevention of Public Nuisance

There is a known ASB hotspot in close proximity to the premises, involving groups of men drinking alcohol in public spaces. This behaviour creates an intimidating environment and makes women feel unsafe, which is contrary to the aims of reducing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) – a priority for both the Home Office and the Metropolitan Police. Extending alcohol sales into the early hours will exacerbate these issues, undermining community safety and quality of life.

3. Public Safety

Increased intoxication during extended hours raises risks of assaults and vulnerability among residents, placing additional strain on emergency services.

The current licensing hours strike a balance between business needs and public safety. Extending them would undermine the objectives of the Clear, Hold, Build strategy and reverse progress made in reducing harm in this community.

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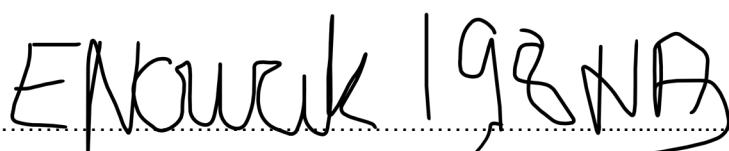
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For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application to extend alcohol sales until 02:00 be refused.

Edward Nowak
Sergeant, Northumberland Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team

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