

APPENDIX 4

Impact Statement from Met Police

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of **RHIAN SAMUDA** URN:

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Age if under 18 **Over 18**..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Officer 240800**

This statement (consisting of: 2..... pages 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: **RHIAN SAMUDA** Date: **21/02/2017**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

This statement refers to the levels of Anti-social behaviour and criminality across the Love Lane Estate, N17 over the last twelve (12) months. This estate is comprised of three (3) main high rise block which are as follows; Ermine House, Moselle House and Charles House in very close proximity to White Hart Lane Overground station.

I am PC Rhian Samuda, one of two Dedicated Ward officers for Northumberland Park, the ward under which Love Lane is covered. It is my role along with other team members and my line manager to develop long-term solutions to Anti-Social Behaviour, reduce crime and increase public confidence in policing. I have held this post since July 2015, specifically based Haringey since September 2015 and have been managing issues pertinent to the Love Lane Estate since such time.

Introduction

Over the last year and especially since approximately August 2016, the Love Lane Estate as a whole has been suffering high levels of Anti-Social Behaviour and at times criminality. This has come in many forms including; drug use, prostitution, rough sleeping, littering, public urination and other forms of behaviour which has become a concern for the police, Haringey Council Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team and ourselves as the local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). It should be noted that the incidents noted are an excerpt of the full breadth of issues police are called to deal with across the estate and not an exhaustive list.

Vagrancy, Rough Sleeping and Drugs

The garages along Love Lane, N17 have been targeted by rough sleepers which have resulted in calls to police, one such call on 06/09/16 led police to attending a garage which had clear evidence of Class A drug use, mattresses and other items of clothing. A woman found within, was dirty, dishevelled looking and suspected to be a drug user also.

Issues of begging vagrancy and drug use are frequent on the estate, one such incident was brought to police attention on 08/01/17 Ref. CAD 3328 where a resident called the police stating; 'there are homeless people sleeping in the stairway by the blue door by the bin shoot they smoke and take drugs here all the time there are children around'. This is corroborated by an earlier call on 16/10/16 where another resident reported to police 2-3 people taking drugs on the 8th floor. As can be reasonably

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Implied from the above drug use within the estate is ongoing and causing an impact to the quality of life for residents on a frequent basis.

A similar incident occurred on early morning on the 02/01/17 where a local resident called to state that 'homeless people' who had been residing on the 7th floor of Charles House were now engaged in a fighting. Although not confirmed it is suspected by police that the nature of this altercation will have been in some way instigated by alcohol or drugs. These same homeless people have also been concerned in causing damage to Council property and making unreasonable amounts of noise disturbing residents, this again has been captured on a call to police in relation to Charles House on 05/12/16 Ref. CAD 8985.

Moselle House N17 in particular has been affected also by drug use. Haringey Borough has deployed the use of the Territorial Support Group (TSG) in relation to drugs, gangs and violence across the Borough. One such result from the TSG was derived from patrols of Moselle House where a male was seen acting suspiciously on the ground floor and also seen to discard an item. Upon detention it was evidenced he was in possession of cannabis and made efforts to avoid officers. Of particular concern for the SNT is the fact that this entrance is the only entrance to the building and residents would have to pass this male in order to use the lifts or enter their homes.

Prostitution

As well as the above mentioned issues, the estate has been suffering from street prostitution. Once such incident of relevance recorded by police on the 04/01/2017 where a male and female were seen loitering between garages on Love Lane N17. They could not verify their reason for being in the area with each other at 0420HRS. It is suspected by officers that they had met in order to engage in sexual activity in a public place and had chosen the Love Lane Estate due to it being dark and away from the main road namely White Hart Lane, N17.

Incidents of the above described ilk are reoccurring across the estate and are not a one off; they continually affect residents' perception of safety and confidence in the police to deal robustly and effectively with crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. To give a further example on the 23/08/16 Ref. CAD 1578 a concerned resident made a report to police of a male and female gaining access to Charles House N17, the female was believed to be a prostitute. Upon police attendance she was smoking cannabis and was issued a cannabis caution for this offence. As the SNT we are pleased with this result though it is unacceptable for the estate to be abused in this manner.

The levels of Anti-Social behaviour and other related criminal offences are having an impact on the local residents. This is clear to me from speaking with local residents whilst on patrol or conducting follow-up calls with residents after they have made reports via the 101 service. The police are in support of Haringey Council's efforts to have the entirety of the estate covered by the Public Space Protection Order and believe this will greatly assist in reducing crime and increasing public confidence in both Council and policing services.

Signature: **RHIAN SAMUDA** Signature witnessed by:

Witness contact details

Home address: Postcode:

Home telephone number Work telephone number

Mobile/pager number Email address:

Preferred means of contact:

Male/ Female (delete as applicable) Date and place of birth:

Former name: Ethnicity Code (16+1): Religion/belief:

Dates of witness non-availability:

Witness care

- a) Is the witness willing and likely to attend court? **No.** If 'No', include reason(s) on MG6.
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness?
No. If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file.
- d) Does the witness have any specific care needs? **No.** If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?)

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

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| a) The criminal justice process and Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) I have been given the leaflet 'Giving a witness statement to police — what happens next?' | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter:
(obtained in accordance with local practice) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings e.g. child care proceedings, CICA | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| g) The information recorded above will be disclosed to the Witness Service so they can offer help and support, unless you ask them not to. Tick this box to <u>decline</u> their services: | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signature of witness: Print name:

Signature of parent/guardian/appropriate adult: Print name:

Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement taken by (print name): **322YR 240800 PC SAMUDA** Station: **YT**

Time and place statement taken: **1301 TOTTENHAM POLICE STATION**

