

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(CJ. Act 1967,s9; MC Act 1980, ss5A(3)(a) and 5B, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, r27.1(1))

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Occupation of Witness: City Inspector

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This statement, consisting of 2 pages 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.

Signed.......... Date. 27 January 2020

I am employed by Westminster City Council as a City Inspector for City Operations, Public Protection and Licensing. I have held this position since September 2016. I am authorised to enter and inspect premises, make enquiries within these premises, then to exercise the functions and powers as contained under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

On 24 January at 23:15 hrs I was on duty with my colleague John Morehead, City Inspector.

We were tasked with visiting the premises known as Palms Palace, 82 – 84 Edgware Road, London, W2.

The main purpose of our visit was to ascertain if tables and chairs were in use after 23:00 hours whilst the Premises Licence was in use, for the supply of late night refreshments.

From across the road, I observed tables and chairs in use by customers at 82 and 84. I made my way towards the premises and took a photograph of this, which I present as Exhibit MA1.

The lights were dimmed in 82 so I entered 84, as I entered I observed a member of staff take a tea pot to customers sitting outside.

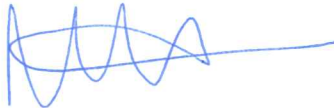
I entered the premises and identified myself to a member of staff and asked to speak to someone in charge. They asked me to wait. As I waited I noted that the rotating kebab was still in place, I could see the soft orange glow from the heated plate behind the rotating kebab.

The member of staff returned to me and said I should go next door. I left number 84 and proceeded to number 82, as I walked past the customers tables, I could see steam coming from the tea cups.

I met a man I had seen on my previous visits. He said his name was Nadir Ali. I explained on our last visit he had been told about the condition of his premises licence in relation to the tables and chairs. He said I have committee this week. I advised him that he should wait for this decision.

We left the premises.

Signature:



Signature witnessed by:





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