

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Witness Statement

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

Crime Incident No	LPU Code	Number	Year

Statement of: **MARK ARJOO**
 Age if under 18: **Over 18** *(If over 18 insert 'over 18')*
 Occupation: **POLICE CONSTABLE**

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s), 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.

Dated: 27th
 February
 2018

Signature: 

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded *(supply witness details on rear)*

I am Police Constable 1667 currently stationed at North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood Policing Area.

My role is Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer with responsibility for Ashby Town Centre.

In order to keep up to date and collate incidents that directly related to the Night Time Economy, I regularly check the Leicestershire Police IT reporting systems, and add these incidents to a spread sheet.

I have looked at incidents from 1st August 2016 – 31st January 2017. The total number of reported Night Time Economy incidents are 37.

From 1st August 2017 – 31st January 2018, the total number of Night Time Economy incidents are 29.

Having looked further at the incidents, during these two periods, I can say that thirteen of these are directly attributed to Manhattan’s Night Club.

These are:

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10th December 2016 – 01:00 hours – Assault. The female victim attended the premises and was assaulted by two other females. Facial injuries were sustained. The suspects were later identified and summonsed to appear at court.

11th December 2016 – 01:16 hours – Assault. Three males were approached whilst in the premises and assaulted by two suspects. The incident was filed No Further Action.

24th December 2016 – 00:25 hours – Assault. A male was found lying injured in the street. It was ascertained that he had been assaulted inside the premises. The suspects were not located.

24th December 2016 – 01:00 hours – Criminal Damage. A male who had been ejected from the premises kicked the exterior exit doors, causing damage. This was dealt with by way of Community Resolution and he paid towards the cost of repair.

20th August 2017 – 02:12 hours – Assault. On leaving the premises, the male victim was assaulted by a lone suspect. He was arrested and summonsed to appear at court for Assault.

15th October 2017 – 02:03 hours – Assault. A female customer alleged that she had been assaulted by the door staff. The incident was filed No Further Action.

28th October 2017 – 23:00 hours – Assault. A customer alleged that he had been shoved by the door staff. No further action taken.

28th October 2017 – 23:40 hours – Assault. Victim assaulted by being struck in the mouth, resulting in her tooth being knocked out. The suspect was interviewed but no further action was taken.

16th December 2017 – 03:05 hours – Assault. Whilst in the premises, a male was head butted in the face. He was arrested and charged with assault.

23rd December 2017 – 03:35 hours – Assault. Male assaulted by three suspects. The suspects were not identified and the incident filed No Further Action.

1st January 2018 – 01:00 hours – Assault. Male suspect throws a punch towards the door staff. No further action taken.

1st January 2018 – 00:10 hours – Assault. Male victim alleges that he was ejected from the premises, and when they got outside, was assaulted by one of the members of the door staff, resulting in physical injuries. This enquiry is on-going and a decision on the disposal has not yet been made.

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27th January 2018 – 01:09 – Assault. Female shoved in the back. The suspect has been identified and enquires are on-going.

In my opinion, I would say that a later closing time for Manhattan's would have a negative impact on Ashby town centre, and there are a number of reasons for this, which are as follows: A later closing time for Manhattan's would mean an increase in late night revellers.

The other night club in Ashby town centre, this being Ciro's, closes in the early hours.

If both this premises and Manhattan's closed around the same time, this would result in large numbers of people who had been consuming alcohol, coming together. This would potentially mean flash points and incidents of disorder.

The CCTV cameras are only monitored until 3am, when the controller then goes off duty.

If there are more people out after this time and an increase in disorder, the incidents will not be monitored and evidence may not be captured.

Taxi numbers in Ashby are limited, and tempers can flare when revellers are queuing to get to their destinations.

This is also the case with the take away food outlets, where tensions can increase with large numbers of people queuing/waiting in small spaces to be served with hot food.

A later closing time for Manhattan's will mean an increase in people drinking alcohol.

This, plus the issues I have previously mentioned in this statement, will no doubt mean an increase in Night Time Economy incidents, and have an impact on local policing who's time will be spent dealing with crime, disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour in Ashby town centre.

Ashby has also recently been awarded 'Purple Flag' status, which the licensees, restaurateurs, and businesses worked hard to get.

This award means that Ashby can now promote itself as being a safe place to visit when using the Night Time Economy, therefore increasing visitor numbers and revenue.

Part of the criteria the assessors scrutinise, is the number of reported crimes.

My concern is that if a later licence is granted to Manhattans and recorded crime increases, then the Purple Flag status will be revoked at its twelve monthly review.

This would then have a detrimental effect on the Night Time Economy and the town in general.

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