

Statement of Truth

I am Nick SEMPER and I am a partner in a Licensing Consultancy called 'The Licensing Guys' based at Rural Enterprise Centre, Vincent Carey Road, Rotherwas Business Park, HEREFORD HR2 6FE.

Currently we have been asked to represent a new business start-up called the No Problem Convenience Store at 41 Armley Ridge Road, LEEDS in the matter of their application for the Grant of a Premises Licence. These premises do not lie within a Cumulative Impact Area.

At about 11:00hrs on Saturday 10th October 2020 I was working in Yorkshire when I visited Armley Ridge Road to conduct another 'Environmental Visual Audit' of the area. An Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) is intended to produce detailed "Community Intelligence" to assess quality of life issues and is a common feature of partnership working. EVAs are completed by individuals or groups and may be accompanied by photos to provide further information or detail.

On my arrival I began an inspection of the open spaces that are accessible by members of the public using Armley Ridge Road.

I visited the grounds of the Armley Conservative Sports & Social Club. There I inspected the low quantities of rubbish that strewn in the undergrowth abutting Armley Ridge Road. I found one empty can of pop. The area was devoid of evidence of street drinking and drug abuse.

I visited the Arts Centre next door. There was no evidence of street drinking and drug abuse.

I then visited the Autism Centre directly opposite the No Problem Convenience Store. There was zero litter present on the site.

I then went to inspect the churchyard of Christ Church which is on the opposite side of the road from the premises but slightly to the North. Again this location was devoid of any litter and evidence of street drinking and ASB.

I then went to the local primary school in Armley. There I found one discarded empty can of Pepsi and one empty can of Zubr lager (abv 6%). The area was otherwise devoid of evidence of street drinking.

On the open public ground beside the school I found one empty can of Black Ace cider (abv 7.5%). The area was otherwise devoid of evidence of street drinking.

In the hedgerows of Armley Moor, I found one discarded empty can of Zubr lager (abv 6%) and one of Perla (abv 6.2%). The area was otherwise devoid of evidence of street drinking.

On Armley Moor iteslef, at one bench I previously visited and found some evidence of street drinking, I found one empty can of Pepsi and another Zubr (abv 6%). The area was otherwise devoid of evidence of street drinking.

At the central benches on Armley Moor, I found one partially empty discarded can of Karpackie lager (9% abv) and one empty can of Carling lager (4% abv). The area was otherwise devoid of evidence of street drinking.

Adjacent to the play area on Armley Moor I found another bench beside which I found one can of Karpackie (abv 9%) an empty can of Pepsi and an empty can of Budweiser (abv 5%). The area was otherwise devoid of evidence of street drinking.

I placed all the discarded items that I located in public litter bins.

During my inspection of the area, I spoke to many local residents. They told me that they had no objection to the application, and identified Armley Town as having 'issues'. None of them (probably understandably) wanted to be recorded on video or give their details for the purposes of this Licensing Application – save one...

Mr David GIBBONS, whose daughter lives nearby to the premises, is a retired trainer and a former group facilitator from the 'Change, Grow and Live' project, supporting people specifically with Drug and Alcohol Misuse issues. He supported the application and provided the following quote, "I think it {the shop} would do well for the community. I don't think it would have any effect as all the problems are down the end of Armley Town Street."

Mr GIBBONS provided his mobile telephone number and email address, which will be made available should anybody wish to challenge the integrity of this report of our conversation and his opinion.

I made a video recording of the findings of the follow up EVA, which can be found at <https://youtu.be/asC8X9nJu2A>

I also exhibit a video recording made by the applicant, Mr David DODSON, giving a guided tour of his new business, which can be found at <https://youtu.be/rOiZBth8Bks>

This is a statement of truth dated 11/10/20.

Signed: David Nicholas SEMPER