

Dear Sir / Madam,

After separating from my wife in July last year, I moved to Starwux and began frequenting the Crown Inn on Scotland Road. I have found the pub to be a nice place and have quickly made some good friends amongst the locals that also frequent the pub. The pub is clean, tidy and well decorated. I have eaten meals there on several occasions and have been more than satisfied with the service and quality of the food.

Imagine, then, my surprise at reading two articles in the Evening News and Star regarding alleged complaints from local residents about noise, trouble and broken glass / vomit on the pavement outside. I feel the criticisms and negativity in the reports are grossly unfair and greatly exaggerated.

I have never seen any broken glass on the pavement have seen vomit on only one occasion (which was cleared away the following day) and although in the 10 months I have used the pub as my local, the police have been in the pub twice, and one of those occasions was as a result of an alleged incident 200 yards away and a case of mistaken identity. I have not seen any trouble as described by the report. The report was, in my opinion, a total fabrication of the truth. The truth being that the

Crown Inn is a vibrant hub of the local community and the local economy, giving employment and enjoyment to many of the locals of Stanwix and the surrounding area.

I have never felt the need to write to a newspaper or anything like that but was so disgusted with the lies that were printed that I felt I had to speak out in support of the pub that has made me feel at home in a new area, very quickly.

The pub does not deserve the reputation the News and Stars inaccuracies have given it and hope that

- a/ The pub remains open to service the locals and
- b/ The News and Star retracts its offensive description of the pub and its regulars.

Yours Sincerely

Graham Atkins

(Address withheld.)

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS
OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

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G. P. MILLER
19, KELS PLACE
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3/6/09

THE CROWN INN, STANWIX

AFTER READING YESTERDAY'S REPORTS IN THE EVENING NEWS STAR ABOUT THE THREATENED CLOSURE OF THE CROWN INN, I FELT COMPELLED TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS TO YOU ON THE ISSUE ON SEVERAL GROUNDS.

FIRSTLY, I DON'T RECOGNISE THE ~~SCENES~~ SCENES PORTRAYED IN THE NEWS REPORT. I HAVE NEVER HAD TO WALK THROUGH A CROWD OF "VOMITING VURINATING PEOPLE" OR "DRUNKEN PEOPLE COLLAPSED IN THE STREET" TO ENTER THE BAR OF THE CROWN. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SCENES OUTSIDE THE PUB SEEM GROSSLY EXAGGERATED.

I HAVE BEEN A REGULAR IN THE CROWN FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND WHILE DURING THIS PERIOD THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL VIOLENT OR DRUNKEN INCIDENTS (UNDER THE TENURE OF SEVERAL LICENCEES), THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN ONGOING REGULAR PROBLEM. MY OWN CIRCLE OF REGULARS (MAINLY MIDDLE-AGED OR RETIRED) ARE AS FAR AWAY FROM ANTI-SOCIAL YOB CULTURE AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE. WE REGULARLY MEET IN THE CROWN (SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK) AND HAVE NEVER WITNESSED THE SORT OF MAYHEM PORTRAYED IN THE ARTICLE.

SECONDLY, AS A MEMBER AND BRANCH OFFICER OF THE SOLWAY BRANCH OF CAMRA (CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE) I AND MY FELLOW MEMBERS WOULD BE CONCERNED IF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NEWS REPORT WERE TRUE. THE CROWN INN IS INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE CUMBRIA REAL ALE GUIDE ON MERIT. CAMRA EXISTS NOT ONLY TO ~~BE~~ PROMOTE REAL ALE BUT TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY PUBS, AND THE ORGANISATION WOULD NOT PUT ITS REPUTATION AT RISK BY INCLUDING A BADLY-RUN PROBLEMATIC PUB IN ANY OF ITS BEER GUIDES. GEMMA BROWN, SINCE OBTAINING THE LICENCE OF THE CROWN, HAS ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS OF SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS. SHE HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT SHE WANTS THE CROWN TO CONTINUE AS A GOOD LOCAL PUB AND IN MY OPINION SHE IS CAPABLE OF THE TASK AND DESERVED THE CHANCE TO SUCCEED. FINALLY, AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY PUBS ARE FACING UNPRECEDENTED THREATS TO THEIR EXISTENCE DUE TO A VARIETY OF FACTORS - THE CREDIT CRUNCH, THE AVAILABILITY OF CHEAP SUPERMARKET ALCOHOL, AND IN SOME CASES THE EFFECTS OF THE SMOKING BAN. THE CROWN IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED LOCAL PUB, PROVIDING A SERVICE TO LOCALS, STUDENTS AND TOURISTS, AND AS SUCH IS AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ASSET. IT WOULD BE SORELY MISSED BY MANY OF US WHO ARE ITS REGULAR PATRONS.

YOURS SINCERELY

George P. Miller

John Chuku


Shomona
Calabar

To whom it may concern.

After reading the recent article in the News & Star I feel compelled to write. I do not feel that the globe presents an accurate picture of the pub.

I am a regular local customer and I have always felt very comfortable whilst in the pub. This of course is not to say there have not been problems (as there are in many Calabar pubs) however I fully believe that the new licensee Gemma Brown is doing everything possible to address that.

If you require any further information I can be contacted on 07941379973.


(JOHN CHUKU)

Date: 4th June 2009

Dear Sirs,

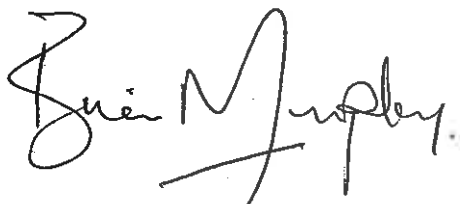
The Crown Inn, Scotland Road, Carlisle

I am a Stanwix resident & have been a regular at the Crown Inn for several years.

I read the article about the Crown in the Evening News & Star on 2nd June 2009. In my opinion the complaints & alleged incidents referred to have been exaggerated & distorted. I personally have never been or felt threatened or intimidated in or around the vicinity of the pub.

I hope Gemma & Danny are given the opportunity to embark on their new venture.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Murphy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Brian' and the last name 'Murphy' clearly distinguishable.

Brian Murphy

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Alcohol Licencing Authority
Carlisle City Council
Civic Centre
Carlisle
CA3 8QG

4th June 2009

Dear Sirs,

I am writing after reading an article in the Evening News and Star on 2nd June 2009 indicating that a review of The Crown Inn, Stanwix Licence is taking place on 9th June 2009. I would be grateful if you would take my comments into account during the review.

I am a Personal Licence Holder. My Licence Number is PA714. I have also been a regular customer of The Crown Inn, Stanwix for 27 years.

The article in The News and Star described a pub that I do not recognise during all the time that I have been a customer of the premises. I do recognise that there have been some incidents that have occurred, both recently and with all of the previous managers, and can advise that the new managers have barred any persons involved since they have taken over responsibility. However, the implications made in the newspaper article were greatly exaggerated in my opinion, and if true would actually mean that my friends and I would not continue to frequent the premises. We are all professional people who could not afford to be associated with a "den of iniquity".

I believe that The Crown Inn makes a positive contribution to the community of Stanwix and deserves to continue to be allowed to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss my comments further.

Yours faithfully

K M Hall

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6
39 Bowscale Close
Stanwix
Carlisle
CA3 9LJ

4 June, 2009

To: The Chairperson and Members of the Licensing Committee

Dear Sir(s) and/or Madam(s):

Re: The Crown Inn, Stanwix, Carlisle

Recent articles in the local press have portrayed the Crown in a way that bears little resemblance to the pub that I frequent.

I have been a regular at the Crown for over twenty years and it always has been, and still is, a good pub. It is a pleasant place to relax and unwind with friends in a safe and friendly environment. Indeed, I know several people who quite often travel from other parts of the city to have a drink in the Crown.

I have never had to walk through broken glass, or vomit, on entering, or leaving, the Crown and I never feel threatened in, or around, the pub. To get to and from the Crown I have to walk by way of Etterby Street and I feel as safe doing this now as I did two, five, or even ten years ago.

Because the pub is in a residential area, smokers are asked to use the beer garden at the rear of the pub rather than going out onto the street. There are also notices in the pub requesting customers to keep noise to a minimum when using the beer garden and when leaving the pub, out of respect for people living nearby.

It is clear to me that, in both words and deeds, there is a clear determination on the part of the new management and their staff to adhere to the principles that make for a good, traditional, local pub. In my opinion, they are succeeding.

Sincerely,



Ian Beattie

David Keswick 7
Stanwix
4th June 2009

Re: The Crown in Stanwix

Two days ago I read an article in the News and Star with the headline 'Pubs could be closed following complaints' and it was about the Crown in Stanwix.

I go into the pub 5 or 6 times per week just after opening time at 12 o'clock and drink a couple of pints of mild. I have never noticed anything from the pub lying on the pavement outside the pub and the inside of the pub is clean, quiet and calm. I sit there and read my newspaper or maybe have a chat.

I do not go to the pub in the evening, so I cannot comment on the pub later in the day.

I am a regular in the pub and that says more about my opinion of the pub than I can actually put into words. For me it is a fine pub.

If you have questions for me, please get in contact with Gemma or Danny in the Crown. And I hope that the pub is not closed down.

All the best,
Dave Keswick

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Dear Sir or Madam:


Justin Dempsey
27 Scaurbank RD
CARISLE CA3 9PH
07522811468

my name is Justin Dempsey
a local plasterer who Recently
Moved To Carisle and Set up a Bussiness
in The area.

I have chosen The Crown Stanwix as my
Local Because everytime we go There The Staff
are friendly and make you feel very welcome.
In all the time we have been going To The
Crown we have never encountered any
problems with staff or members of The
public.

We fully Support DANial & germa and
will continue To give them our custom.
Thank you for taking The time To Read
This letter.

Yours faithfully



13 Mulcaster Crescent,
 Skerwix,
 Cashioke,
 CA3 9EA,

Thursday, 4th June 0.

To the Licensing Authority,

With Regard to the forthcoming
 Licensing Review of the premises,
 known as the Crown Inn, Scotland Road.

I would like to take this
 opportunity to state my Support
 for Miss Germa Brown and her
 staff at the above premises.

I have been a regular Customer
 of the Crown Inn for some Twenty Years
 and over the course of that period
 I have been witness to a number
 of Anti-social incidents, all
 occurring under the auspices of a
 number of incontinent licensee's.
 These events, fortunately, have been
 mercifully infrequent and indeed,
 I have witnessed far worse and
 more frequent incidents in other
 licensed premises.

In the extremely short time
 that Miss Brown has held the
 licence of the Crown Inn I feel
 certain, that she has provided
 a safe, secure and convivial
 environment in which to enjoy a
 relaxing social evening.

Mr Brown is on record through the medium of the local press that it is his intention to return the Crown Inn to the Heart of the local Community as a 'local' pub, I am confident that his Endeavours in this direction will be successful and indeed, the already changed atmosphere in the Crown is testament to the effectiveness of this new regime.

I write this testimonial not only on behalf of myself, but on behalf of many of my Social Circle whose views mirror mine in so far that we believe that Miss Brown and her staff are an asset to the Urban Community of Skewix and that going forward she will most certainly prove to be one.

In Conclusion, I should like to Thank you for your Consideration and I trust that my views and the opinions of those I represent are taken into consideration when all aspects of this Licensing Review are completed.

Yours faithfully
Michael John Mann

Marie Bulman
66 Scotland Road
Stanwix
Carlisle
CA3 9DE

4-6-09

RE:- Crown Inn Stanwix

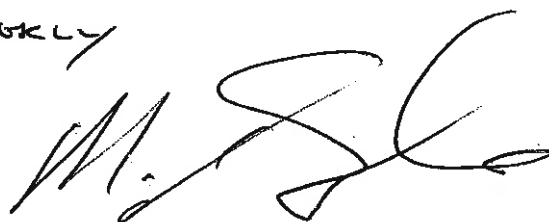
Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to show
my total support for the previous owners Mr I. Brown,
Mrs S. Brown and Alison Boyd and the new owners
Gemma Brown and Daniel Atkinson.

I have been a regular customer of
the Crown Inn for the last 10 years. The Crown Inn
has had bad press in recent weeks which I find
totally inaccurate and ridiculous to what I have
read. The Crown Inn have friendly staff + custom
base, they have pool, darts and football teams
and a well attended quiz night. In all the years
I have been going in the Crown Inn I have
never witnessed any thing that has been suggested.

I and many others will give our
full backing to Gemma + Daniel in making
the Crown Inn a centre for locals to meet and
enjoy time with friends and family as it has
for nearly 100 years

Yours Sincerely



25, Gloucester RD

Carlisle

4.6.09.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my disgust at the threatened closure of the Crown Inn, Stanix. I do not live in the area but do enjoy the clean, friendly environment of the Crown.

I have never felt uncomfortable or threatened whilst either eating or drinking there. Neither have I seen or heard any rowdy behaviour described in the recent newspaper article. I therefore felt compelled to write in support of the Crown staying open.

A. John

9th June 2009
N/S EDMONDSON
16 EREN PLACE
STANWIX
CA3 9JH.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to
lend my support to those who
wish to preserve the status of
the Crown Inn, Stanwix. I was
a regular 20 years ago and
have recently become reacquainted
with the pub since moving here.

As a schoolteacher and
father of two young boys I
spend a lot of time passing
by the pub. on the way to
the local shops with my children.

I have never experienced the
"broken glass" or "vomit" on
the pavement that the
Evening News & Star newspaper
mentioned on Tuesday evening.

The pub is a friendly,
lively place where I eat
with my children.

It saddens me that a
minority of people wish to
spoil what is essential a
local amenity. Having recently
moved house I can assure
the newspaper correspondent that
the Crown Inn Stanwix ~~would~~ does
not "have an effect on the sale
of any property in this vicinity.

Yours Sincerely. NSE

4-6-2004

MR R. J. MURRAY
9 ST GEORGE'S CRESCENT
STANNIX
CARLISLE
CA2 9NL

TO WHO IT CONCERNS

I HAVE BEEN A REGULAR AT THE CROWN INN STANNIX FOR FORTY YEARS, SINCE MISS J. BROWN TOOK OVER THE RUNNING OF THE CROWN INN STANNIX, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS, AS MISS BROWN SAID SHE WOULD DO, AND IT IS HER INTENTION TO TURN THE CROWN INN INTO A LOCAL PUB AGAIN.

HERE IS A LIST OF A FEW THINGS THAT I CAN SEE THAT HAVE CHANGED FOR THE BETTER

NO LOUD MUSIC

CLEANER INSIDE AND OUT

MORE LOCALS ARE BACK

IT IS QUIETER INSIDE AND OUT

MISS BROWN ALSO LIVES AT THE CROWN INN NOW

MISS J BROWN IS A VERY HARD WORKING PERSON AND GIVEN THE CHANCE SHE WILL RUN A VERY GOOD ORDERLY HOUSE

REGARDS
R. J. Murray

Company Chairman

Dear Sir,

With regards to the recent articles about the Crown pub in Stanwix, please allow me to attempt to put the vilification of the establishment on a more even footing. Having worked in Carlisle & lived in Stanwix for the last 8 years, and the Crown being my local, I do feel qualified in making observations.

Yes, things changed after the new management took over. Janet & Paul the previous managers were very popular, but the new owner had personality differences with a extremely small minority of local residents, & one in particular, many of which pre-dated the take over of the pub, rather than the actual day-to-day life of the pub. The police say that call outs soared at an alarming rate after the take over. It would be interesting to examine the police records of the number of calls, when made, and attributed to which phone numbers. As a retired Fire officer, I know they have the technology to track numbers. It would be also interesting to find out upon how many occasions were the call outs a waste of time.

Reference was made in a previous article to a massed brawl at a kareoke night. I played a major part in the running of that evening. The facts are it was a properly set up charity evening for Breast Cancer awareness, with many high class prizes for raffle, a singing competition, etc. At the end of the evening, trouble started when a particular group were asked to leave, along with everybody else. 3 rather large male thugs then decided to give Julie Brown, the licensee a good hiding, & ordinary people then attempted to defend her. The brawl escalated from there. The police first responded by sending a number of female officers from the Land of Lilliput ! Had the initial response have been more normal, out of the 16 members of the trouble causing group, the arrest tally would have been higher than the 3 persons actually caught. (and later prosecuted)

To return to the complaints made, the main reason people now stand outside any pub (walk down Botchergate on any evening) is the No Smoking law. It is actually up to the individual where he wants to go to smoke, providing it is not inside the premises. As for people wading through litter etc., this is probably the largest exaggeration made by any 'resident' I have ever seen in print. The litter is no worse or better than any time in the last 8 years. It is interesting & strange that a local shopkeeper actually remarked to me, after the first article was published, 'Is this the same pub as described in that article ?' He had seen no evidence of the claims made.

It would be nice to see this statement in print, to show that mean-minded minority groups don't always get exclusive coverage, with no fear of adverse comment on their actions.

Yours Sincerely.

Steve Lee.
Stanwix.



For the attention of the editor, & keve@cngroup.co.uk.

B CROFT ROAD
STANWIX
CARLISLE

JUNE T.

Re: CARHOLE LICENSING

SHAUN CORLESS 15
75 SCOTLAND RD
STANWIX CARLISLE

DEAR SIRS

HAVING LIVED IN STANWIX FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I USE THE CROWN INN
ON A REGULAR BASIS. I FIND IT VERY FRIENDLY AND COMFORTABLE, I
HAVE ENJOYED MANY A GOOD TIME AT THE WEEKLY QUIZ, AND
HAD LOTS OF VERY GOOD MEALS, IT IS A PUB, WHERE I BRING
MY Aged MOTHER (WHO IS 80) IT IS A PLEASURE TO VISIT.
AND I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL THOSE ALLEGATIONS, I THINK A SMALL
MINORITY OF PEOPLE, ARE GIVING MR/MRS BROWN, A BAD
PRESS, FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS.!

Yours Sincerely,

Shaun Corless

38 Etterby Street
Stanwix
CARLISLE
CA3 9JB

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Licensing Committee

4 June 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

The Crown Public House, Scotland Road, Carlisle.

I have been a Stanwix resident for over twenty years and have worked in Stanwix for nineteen years. I believe the claims in the News and Star have been somewhat exaggerated; such as people having to wade through broken glass, rubbish and half empty drinks left in the street. This situation is no worse than when Mr and Mrs White were proprietors of The Crown.

I feel it would be grossly unfair not to give Gemma Brown a chance to put things right, she has only recently taken over and already there has been an improvement, she has removed the cordoned off seating area outside the front of the pub and stopped the live bands. You should also take into consideration that with the smoking ban being brought in customers have to go outside to smoke and that has contributed to the noise levels increasing outside the Crown which is a situation that Mr and Mrs White never had to contend with.

I trust you will look at this matter with a balanced view

Yours sincerely


Paul Brady

5TH JUNE 09.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in regards to the problems with the license for the Crown Public House on Scotland Rd

I have lived here for over 40 years and am a regular customer for both the Crown & the Crown and Thistle Public Houses.

Both these places are classed as locals and in all these years any problems have been caused by visitors. Since the present licencees have taken over I personally have witnessed only one incident which was dealt with promptly.

Regarding broken glass etc. The same people who complain should walk up

Mulcaster Crescent & Sheriot Rd and see the number of bottles etc some broken & some intact and these were probably bought in off sales etc. There are a lot of students in this area but we don't condemn them.

I am asking you to please let the Crown be a local pub because there are not many left in Carlisle and even closing it for a time the regular customers will be lost.

I would like our local councillors to support us as they did regarding Sainsbury's although on that occasion they were defeated on appeal.

Thank you

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of: JAYNE SPENCERAge if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation POLICE CONSTABLE 2020

This statement (consisting of ONE 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.

Signature: J SpenceDate: 2/6/09Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am JAYNE SPENCER police constable 2020 of Cumbria Constabulary currently based at The Citadel CARLISLE. On MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2009 I was on uniformed mobile patrol in CARLISLE. At 21:15 hours attended The Crown Pub, Scotland Road in Carlisle after a report from ambulance control of a male having been assaulted and was unconscious.

Upon arrival at the scene the a male I now know to be Andrew BLENKINSOPP was being attended to by paramedic on the floor within the bar area. At this time he had began to regain consciousness. I spoke with a number of witnesses and a member of bar staff, Daniel ATKINSON informed me that there had been an argument between BLENKINSOPP and a male he knows to be Mark HAMILTON. HAMILTON had thrown a drink over the male and during a scuffle BLENKINSOPP had fallen over a stool and banged his head off the foot bar. ATKINSON has then asked HAMILTON to leave the premises which he did prior to ambulance and police arriving.

A number of other witnesses also stated there had been some sort of verbal altercation that started in the beer garden, followed by HAMILTON punching BLENKINSOPP and then dragging him into the premises shouting to get out of the pub. Once inside at the bar he has then thrown a drink over him and during the scuffle BLENKINSOPP has fallen over something causing him to hit his head on a foot bar. This has caused him to lose consciousness and whilst on the ground HAMILTON has kicked him a number of times before leaving the premises.

During the incident the staff I spoke with were Daniel ATKINSON and Gemma BROWN. Both were helpful and gave accounts of what they saw and their full details. I later spoke with Julie BROWN who although had not seen any of the incident as she was working in the kitchen she wished to give her opinion about the injured party and seemed perhaps biased towards the offender. I did not speak with her husband Ian Brown at the time but did speak to him at a later date to try to obtain CCTV which he informed me was broke. I was also of the opinion that he was friends with the offender and was perhaps biased in his opinion of what had occurred.

J Spence

STATEMENT OF: JAYNE SPENCER

It has since been suggested that the Offender, Mark HAMILTON has been asked by Ian BROWN to give them a hand/throw people out/act like doorstaff when they require him. This would perhaps be the reason why during the altercation it is said that HAMILTON has dragged him in from the beer garden and been shouting 'GET OUT OF THIS PUB'.

I was not aware and did not speak to the designated premises supervisor Alison Boyd at anytime during the investigation.

Spencer

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of: Sheila NixonAge if under 18: 018 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Proprietor

This statement (consisting of 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.

Signature: Sheila Nixon Date: 3rd June 2009Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Sheila Nixon. I live at 1 ETTYBY STREET, CAULISMS. This property is opposite about THE CROWN INN, STANWIX, which I have recently given the Police a statement about regarding all the noise, disorder & anti-social behaviour which I have suffered from over the past couple of years. I was happy to put my name to the statement but I realise that this made me easy to identify.

On Friday 22nd May 2009 at approx 7.20 pm I was walking from the SPAR on SCOTLAND ROAD towards the crown when Gemma Brown, who has lived next door to me for many years, jogged past me & called me a "BITCH". This was said directly to me in a loud voice & there is no doubt in my mind it was meant for me & was connected to the licence hearing at which I will be a witness. I was

Signature: Sheila Nixon Signature witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of: Sheila Nixon

upset by this comment I returned straight
home to tell my husband. Sheila Nixon

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

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Statement of: Timothy Jack PRANGNELLAge if under 18: Over 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of two 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.

Signature: Date: 2nd June 2009

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

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(supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable 1343 of the Cumbria Constabulary stationed at Carlisle Police station.

I transferred to Cumbria Constabulary in September 2008 and since that time I have had occasion to attend at the public house known as 'THE CROWN', SCOTLAND ROAD, STANWIX, CARLISLE, in the course of my patrol duties.

One such occasion was on the 5th October 2008 when at 0008 hours I attended a report of ten persons fighting outside the pub. On arrival I located five persons outside who had clearly been involved in some form of physical confrontation. They were breathless, dishevelled and anxious not to talk to Police. I was informed that the licensee, a male named Ian BROWN had, with his female partner, been ejecting a person from the premises when other customers had become involved in trying to assist and disorder had occurred resulting in several persons being injured. However all persons concerned declined to cooperate and the female licensee seemed anxious to play down the incident. As a result of the complete denial of any criminal offences and with no complaints from any other source nor any corroborating evidence such as CCTV, no further Police action was taken in respect to this incident. A wheel brace was found upon the floor after those persons concerned had departed, which was disposed of.

After that date I can recall two occasions in the early part of 2009 when I have been approached by members of the public reporting that they had concerns about customers from 'THE CROWN' standing outside the premises drinking from pint glasses on the pavement. This seemed to have

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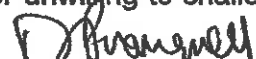
Signature witnessed by: _____

Continuation of Statement of Timothy Jack PRANGNELL

occurred when they had been outside the premises smoking. The issue seemed to be that in doing so they were causing an unnecessary obstruction on the pavement and were intimidating to persons trying to pass by. Both occasions were during the early afternoon. One female stated that she felt too frightened to pass by as she had two young children with her and she claimed that on a previous occasion she had been abused and had a drink thrown at her. This had not been reported to the Police. On both occasions I have shown a visible Police presence in the area which has caused those persons to re-enter the public house. I have not on either occasion spoken to the licensee due to operational commitments.

On Monday 20th April 2009 I was on uniformed mobile patrol when at 2115 hours I attended 'THE CROWN' following a report from ambulance control of a male having been assaulted within the public house. He was reported as being unconscious in the bar area.

On arrival I saw a male I now know to be Andrew BLENKINSOPP being given first aid by two customers in the bar. He was on the floor and unconscious. Paramedics arrived and treated the male before conveying him to A&E. Two members of staff, a Daniel ATKINSON and a Gemma BROWN, came outside to speak to me. Whilst in conversation with ATKINSON and BROWN I was informed that HAMILTON was a regular customer and he had been involved previously with 'putting people out' from the pub if they needed removing. On this occasion this had gone wrong and BLENKINSOPP had ended up getting knocked to the floor where he had struck his head upon the footrail at the base of the bar. HAMILTON had then fled the scene.

While I found the staff on this occasion to be open and honest as to the ongoings, it seemed unusual that they were so accepting of help from customers who are clearly intoxicated. I would expect them to call Police to assist in the removal of unwanted persons, rather than resolve things internally. I formed the opinion that they were nervous or unwilling to challenge these persons and that they would rather allow them to 'police' themselves. 

Signature: 

Signature witnessed by: _____

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INSP. MARK GILROY

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GEMMA BROWN (AVAILABLE)

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