

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

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Statement of Joanne Belton.....

Age if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Licence Enforcement Officer

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 (witness) Date: 28th April 2025

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

I am the above-named person.

I am employed by South Yorkshire Police in my capacity as the Licensing Enforcement Officer covering the Rotherham.

Marios Mini Market was first brought to my attention on the 27th May 2024 by the council.

An allegation /complaint was received from a member of the public stating that the premise is selling alcohol to children along with fake goods .

At that time the premise does not hold a licence to sell alcohol.

I first visited the premise on the 30th May 2025 with Oliver Ashton licencing officer for the council.

We were met by a young lady who stated she was related to Mr Tancos the owner of the shop.

We found counterfeit cigarettes under the counter and a 5 cans of larger behind the till.

When questioned about the alcohol we were told it was for personal use.

We reiterated that the shop does not hold a licence to sell alcohol and can not sell alcohol.

Another visit was carried out on the 25th June when we met with Mr Tancos the owner of the premise ,we discussed at length the outdoor seating which has now been moved to the side of the premises – advised staff that its use was causing a nuisance. Told repeatedly that some guy had put it there and that people brought their own alcohol. Conversation ended with staff saying that they would remove the seating. Informed the Officer that the shop was selling hot dogs and this that may be why people are congregating around the shop.

Reported outdoor seating to highways so that they can ascertain if a table and chairs licence is required. In addition, the sale of hot dogs from the shop has been reported to the food team.

Signature: Signature Witnessed by:

Continuation of Statement of:

The premise was visited again by police officers on the 28th June 2024 where alcohol was seized.

All further encounters listed on other statements.

Its is my opinion that this premise should be refused an alcohol licence on the grounds of

- 1. Prevention of crime and disorder
- 2. Prevent Public Nuisance.
- 3. Public Safety.
- 4. Safeguarding of Children

I have no faith in their ability to run this shop in light of their previous actions .

Signature: Signature Witnessed by: