

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

In the matter of an application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

STATEMENT OF: Inspector 1463 Andrew Godfrey

Age of Witness (if over 18 enter) : Over 18

Occupation of Witness: Local Policing Support Team Inspector

Address: North Yorkshire Police, Fulford, York, YO10 4BY

This statement (consisting of 2 pages) 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.

1. I have responsibility for overseeing the police licensing team who are specialist trained officers, designated by the Chief Constable to respond to all matters under the Licensing Act 2003. The team work with statutory partners and key stakeholders to ensure the promotion of the four Licensing objectives, The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, The Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and the Protection of Children from harm, in respect of applications and compliance with the Licensing Act 2003.
2. On Monday the 8th September 2025 I came back to work after a period of annual leave, at this point I became aware of several emails in relation to a licensing application reference Little J's in York city centre.
3. On the 10th September the applicant Graham Dykes was due to meet licensing officers at Fulford Road Police station at 1230 hours to discuss the application he had made. I became aware of emails from My Dykes, the latter suggesting the Police had unreasonably refused to meet. The email I sent to Mr Dykes informed him that contrary to his email licensing officers would be available and waiting, I encouraged his attendance at the Police station to discuss the matter with licensing specialists.
4. I am aware that Mr Dykes did not attend the meeting on the 10th September 2025. I have had no one to one contact with Mr Dykes other than emails. I have not heard from him since the last email received 1009hrs on the 10th September 2025.

5. On the 22nd September 2025 Police Sergeant Jackie Booth alerted me to a video which was posted on Facebook. I watched the video which appeared to be in St Helens Square, York. I believe this was footage from a demonstration regarding the licensing application Mr Dykes held on the 18th September 2025. In the video clip a male I now know as Mr Dykes suggests that two authorised officers of the company attended the Police station and that I refused to allow them to speak with police. I am not aware of anyone attending the Police station that day to discuss the Little J's application and I certainly never spoke to anyone about the case other than the Police licensing team who were waiting Mr Dykes arrival at the Police station. My email to Mr Dykes makes it very clear that I encouraged the applicant to attend and discuss the licensing application on the 10th September 2025.
6. I further noted that the Facebook video suggests that they have chased this with Police on the 10th and 14th September 2025 but have not received any reply. I can confirm I have not heard anything or received correspondence from Mr Dykes or any other party from Little J's since sending the email dated 10th September encouraging Mr Dykes to attend the Police station. I have not had further involvement or contact.

Signed: Insp Godfrey

Date: 23/09/25