

## Statement

My name is Badrul Haque, and I am the licensed premises holder for 290 North Street, Romford RM5 3AB. I am attending this hearing today to discuss the review of my premises licence at this property. I would like to set out my reasoning in relation to the events that occurred on 1st May 2025, which have led to these proceedings. I appreciate everyone's time and patience in listening to my explanation and considering my position.

First and foremost, I would like to reiterate that I am simply the premises licence holder. I do not get involved in the day-to-day activities within the property, but instead oversee the premises as required. As such, the events that occurred on that day were not within my knowledge, and I was unaware of any activities taking place at the property.

By way of background, I obtained the lease to the property in 2021. Due to ongoing health complications, I was unable to continue running the business. As such, I granted a fixed-term tenancy to HAZ 21 Ltd on 18th April 2024, a copy of which has been provided in support of this statement, to ensure that I did not fall behind on payments to creditors, including the landlord, for the remaining term of the lease.

Since the event occurred, I have taken constructive steps to address the situation. A letter dated 21st June 2025, attached to this statement, was issued as a notice of breach of tenancy between myself and HAZ 21 Ltd. The letter states that, due to the events in question, the agreement was terminated with immediate effect and the company was required to vacate the premises without delay. This action demonstrates my intention to protect my licence and ensure that such breaches are not tolerated.

In addition, I have installed CCTV throughout the entire premises so that I can monitor day-to-day activities within the property, as well as activities taking place outside operating hours.

In conclusion, the original concern raised related to unacceptable practices occurring at the property. I hope the reasons stated above are sufficient for you to consider my appeal in relation to the allegations. I respectfully ask the Council to allow me to retain my licence to the property.

Thank you for listening.