

Stockman Chris J - Frontline Policing

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To: Stockman Chris J - Frontline Policing
Subject: RE: Police Representation - Premises licence application for Roseland News 69 Farnham Road Romford RM3 8XA

Hi Chris

I have drafted this email to assist – hopefully that helps.

Thanks
Richard

I am the Ward Sargeant for Heaton Ward. I have worked in the MPS since 2003 and have working on Havering for over 20 years. Specifically, I have spent about 5 years covering the Farnham Road Area in one capacity or another and so have a good knowledge of the area and the people and how this has changed over time. Currently this area is part of a Clear Hold Build initiative that is a partnership approach to try and tackle the problems with Crime and ASB and have a positive impact on the local community.

From what I have seen the issues with Street Drinking tends to come and go and can be more seasonal. Previously we have worked with the Council and had reviews of the area to try and reduce the problems of alcohol misuse and the related ASB that it causes. Previously benches were removed that were at the Hildene Avenue end of the road and we have targeted this behaviour with various different tactics. Currently the problems have started to increase again.

More recently there has been an increase again in Street Drinking.

I have spoken to members of the public, along with the Ward Panel Members and the head of the Independent Advisory Group about the problems in the area. The Street Drinking is something that residents are concerned about and in order to reduce this we also work with the Licensing team who try to support us. The sale of single tins of higher strength alcohol does leads to problems. This can include violence, theft shoplifting, urination and defecation in the street and other general ASB (Shouting/swearing and making people going about there normal day feel uncomfortable and some have said that they now try to avoid the area.)

Within July there has been several incidents:

01/7841347/26 – 20/07/2026 – suspect has tried to look into the bin and accidentally set fire to it causing damage to the bin.

01/7768464/26 – 02/07/2026 – ASB warning issued by PC Hazell.

01/7770664/26 – 03/07/2026 – Robbery with a drunk male being hit in the face.

There have also been issues with Exposures(01/7629783/26) and a male suffering GBH injuries following an incident in which alcohol has all been a factor. We have gained 1 CBO on an individual and this received very positive feedback and they have already been arrested for breaching

this. However in order to get to a CBO there has been extensive offending and that is what we are seeking to avoid.

Within the past few week my team and myself have engaged with the Street Drinkers on numerous occasions. At certain points in the day they can be very reasonable and apart from being present are not always causing antisocial behaviour. However on each occasion I have dealt with them they have been drinking tins of higher strength alcohol. This then can led to problems which may surface when the team are not on duty and then ends up as a call for the Emergency Response Team to attend. We do use powers under S35 (Dispersal Authority) were appropriate and have previously discussed with the Community Safety Team the benefits of having a Public Space Protection Order. As part of this we visited all residents within the area and their was general wide spread support from residents and businesses. However at that stage this wasn't progressed due to the wider issues of PSPO at the time.

From the perspective of the Ward Team – the responsible sale of alcohol has a big impact on crime and ASB within the area. If the availability of tins of higher strength alcohol can be made less readily available this would help to reduce problems within the area.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

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