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Subject: 97-98 Sports Cafe, 39 Goldhawk Road, W12 8QQ - Review
2024/01981/LAPRR - Additional Statement

To Licensing,

**RE: 97-98 Sports Cafe, 39 Goldhawk Road, W12 8QQ - Review
2024/01981/LAPRR**

Please find attached additional documents in relation to the above review hearing.

1st Document – Statement from PC Sam Locking in relation to the closure order that was obtained at Magistrates court.

2nd Document – Copy of article printed on the website of London News Online, this contains comments from the licensee with regards to the incident and pending review.

https://londonnewsonline.co.uk/news/class-c-drug-khat-found-at-shepherds-bush-sports-cafe/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=class-c-drug-khat-found-at-shepherds-bush-sports-cafe

Are you able to confirm that Mr Tseguy will be sent a copy of the additional documents submitted?

Kind Regards

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: PC Samuel Locking

Age if under 18: over 18 *(if over 18 insert 'over 18')* Occupation: police officer

This statement (consisting of 1 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.

Witness Signature:

Date: 18/01/2024

This statement refers to the full closure order hearing that took place at Westminster Magistrates Court on Thursday 21st November 2024 regarding the Sports Café, 39A Goldhawk Road W12 8QP. Prior to the hearing I met with Mr TSEGUY and handed him a document pack with all the relevant information and evidence that I would be presenting to the court.

At the hearing both myself (PC LOCKING 1186AW) and the licence holder Mr TSEGUY were questioned by the Magistrates in regards to the circumstances that had led to me being at court seeking a full closure order on the premises. I was called to the stand first and explained about the multiple complaints police had received over a prolonged period of time in regards to the Sports Café, its patrons and the Anti-Social behaviour the venue is a catalyst for.

During questioning from the Magistrate I explained that on two separate occasions police have been in the premises and found Class C drugs on the table, openly available to everyone inside and on both occasions nobody wanted to take responsibility for the drugs. Mr TSEGUY did not seem to understand the problem given they were not his drugs, this is the stance he took at court when questioned by the Magistrate, the Magistrate challenged this point and stated it was his responsibility as the licence holder to ensure there were no illegal drugs inside his venue. I further explained to the court that the venue is essentially run by the patrons given the evidence I have seen, and that MR TSEGUY has very little control over what goes on inside, the fact that Class C drugs were openly available on the table supports this. MR TSEGUY was also reminded of his responsibility to ensure that patrons disperse from his venue and not congregate in the street outside committing anti-social behaviour which I have witnessed on numerous occasions.

I also presented numerous police reports and member of public statements to the Magistrate. These documents detailed the verbal abuse and threats that local residents living at Apex Court had been subjected to by patrons of the Sports Café for a prolonged period of time. The Magistrate in their closing remarks highlighted the intimidatory behaviour that local residents have been subject to by Sports Café patrons as a major factor in their rationale to grant the closure order.

Witness Signature:

Signature Witnessed by Signature:



HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM NEWS

Class C drug, Khat, found at Shepherd's Bush Sports Café

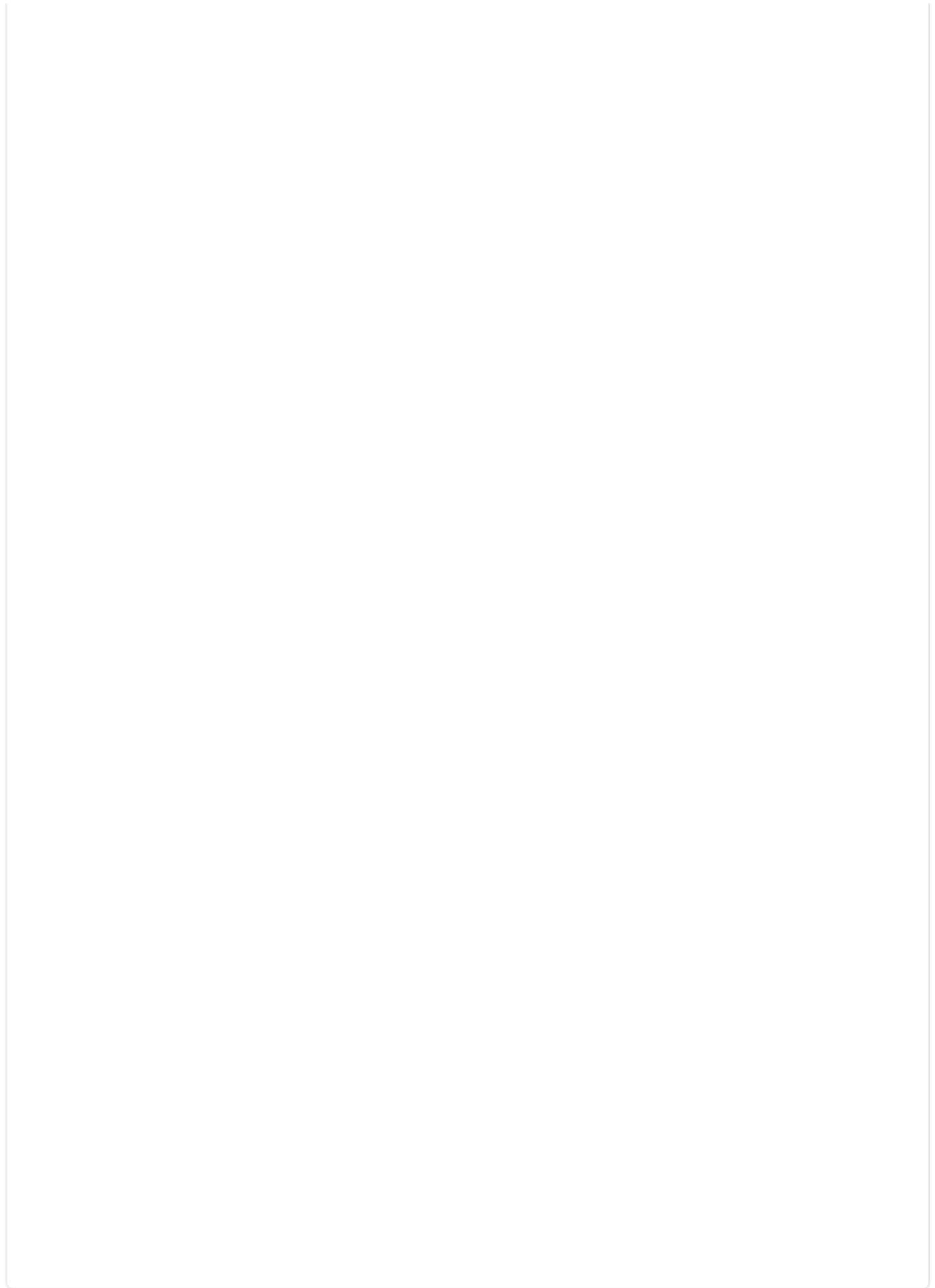
📅 17 January 2025 👤 Claudia Lee

By Ben Lynch, Local Democracy Reporter

A west London café may lose its licence after police officers twice found customers in possession of khat.

The Class C drug, which was banned in 2014, is a leafy green plant chewed by users and has similar effects to amphetamine. It is used most commonly in North Africa and on the Arabian Peninsular.

The Met have requested [Hammersmith and Fulham](#) council revokes the licence held by 97-98 Sports Café in Shepherd's Bush, having discovered the drug on the premises twice in the past 12 months.



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