

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967. s. 9, MC Act 1980, s.s.5A (3a) and 5B MC Rules 1981, r70)

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Age if under 18: Over 18 *(over 18 insert "over 18")*

This statement (consisting of 4 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.

Dated the 21st April 2026

Signature: D J Butterworth

This supplementary report has been produced in relation to an investigation pertaining to an application for a variation of a premises licence at Wendy's at 189-191 Camden High Street Camden NW1 7BP. The supplementary report has been produced in addition to my full report dated the 10th February 2026, and is made to comment upon statistical evidence produced by the Metropolitan Police as part of their representations.

Statistical Data

1. The application for a new licence at this location would increase the hours that the premises could operate until 0500 hours, seven days a week. The data produced by the Metropolitan police is not specific to these hours but ranges from midnight to 0600 hours. I could not find any start or end date for the period of analysis that was used to produce the crime maps presented.
2. Only five specific incidents/crimes are referenced in the supporting evidence the earliest of which is the 17th November 2025 and the latest is 29th March 2026. I therefore concluded that the search time period, is at a minimum, between these two dates (132-day period). This would include the busy festive and New Year period. None of the five incidents that are detailed occurred at a time when Wendy's was open and trading. One of the five incidents occurred at a time when no licence for late night refreshment is required (0550 hours 29/03/2026). It is not known how the incidents referred to by the police may have been affected by the presence of

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an open, and well-lit venue, or by the presence of an SIA security guard, both of which may have afforded the victim a safe haven, intervention to prevent escalation, or by apprehending those responsible.

3. Wendy's have operated under a Temporary event notice at the site to demonstrate that they can operate until 0500 safely and not to cause crime and disorder or public nuisance in the area. No objections to the TEN application was made by the Metropolitan police and no evidence has been produced as part of these proceedings to show that the venue created the types of crime and disorder during trading under the temporary event notice that the police representation states will occur, should the licence be granted.
4. In their analysis of the data the Metropolitan police state that licensees and their employees feel unsafe during the terminal hours of the Late Night Economy. There is no evidence that I have seen which supports such a broad statement within the representation or why the provision of a safe, well-lit establishment with SIA security staff present such as Wendy's would not make staff and customers feel and be kept safe. The venue also provides a step free access and disabled toilet available to customers and non-customers, as well as vegetarian and Halal alternatives, making it a safe and inclusive environment for all.
5. What the statistical evidence does show is that the area of Camden High Street is a challenging area to trade during the night time economy. This statistical representation of the area reflects my footfall and vehicle counts conducted during my periods of observations. In my opinion, there is no evidence within the data provided that these incidents are attributed to Wendy's other than in terms of their location. None of the data produced shows that Wendy's have undermined any of the licensing objectives. The lack of attributable incidents at these premises would support the position that Wendy's is an operator that promotes the licensing objectives.
6. During my observations I noted that the visible police presence outside Camden Town Underground station concluded around midnight and the safer community's hub vehicle left around 0250 hours. This meant that there was no public safety presence on Camden High Street after these times, when many of the alcohol licensed premises remained open and large numbers of customers remained in the area.
7. Wendys at Camden High street is not a destination venue regardless of its opening times. People are not visiting the area to eat at Wendy's. The attraction to the area is the wide range of bars, clubs and music venues, many of which operate until 0300 hours. My observations indicate that Wendy's is a venue which people see is open and decide on the spur of the moment to go in and eat. There is no alcohol or loud music to cause the customers to become boisterous and leave in a rowdy manner as they would when leaving an alcohol led night club. In my experience this type of venue produces an exiting customer that has had food, is sober and has wound down more than when they entered the premises.
8. It is also my experience of the night time economy that the more locations open and available for a variety of different foods, not only gives customers a greater choice, but also dilutes the number of customers and delivery riders/drivers visiting a single location. This would certainly be the case in Camden Town where the current late night take-aways were very congested around 3:15am when people left the bars and clubs. Less people in each venue would reduce

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the likelihood of rowdy behaviour or disorder and enable staff and security to better monitor customer behaviour.

Wendy's

9. Wendy's operates two systems of management whereby they operate the stores themselves, or the store is a franchise operation where the operator is supported by the Wendy's franchise system. I am informed that this location in Camden is one operated in house. I have also been made aware that the Head Office for Wendy's UK is located on the second and third floors above. As such this location is under constant supervision by the senior managers of the company.
10. Attached to this supplementary statement is a list of the UK wide Wendy's which operate under late night refreshment licences. Of the 28 locations I am informed that there has never been any review of their premises licence or any action plan required by a statutory authority to seek to address issues raised by their late-night operations. Many of these venues operate within cumulative impact zones and their extended hours have been granted against the general licensing policies in the areas they are located.
11. I can particularly comment on the application in Leeds city centre. Although I was not involved in this application I have conducted many licensing investigations in the City centre. I am aware that the location on Briggate is within the red zone of its Red, Amber and Green licensing system with a presumption of refusal unless extenuating circumstances, above being just a good operator, was evidenced to the licensing committee.

Conclusion

12. Within my previous conclusions I did not consider that the granting of this new licence would lead to an undermining of the licensing objectives. I have not seen anything within the additional police data which causes me to draw a different conclusion to those I originally made. Wendy's has clearly demonstrated, from the police data, that they can operate safely up to 1am and 5am, under temporary event notices within the challenging night time economy in Camden Town. In considering this application further I now consider that the data demonstrates that these incidents are occurring within Camden Town regardless of whether Wendy's is open or closed. For the reasons outlined above the extension of its opening hours may improve the current situation and as a minimum will provide a well-lit and safe supervised environment within the locality.

Darrell Butterworth

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Company

	License Hours	License Granted
Oxford	Sun-Weds Midnight, Thurs-Sat 2am	18th March 2025
Reading	Sun - Weds Midnight, Thurs-Sat 4am	27th June 2025
Liverpool Academy	Mon-Sun 4am (But we close at 2am)	15th Aug 2025
Brombrough	24 Hours (But we close at 2am)	1st Dec 2025
Uxbridge	Fri/Sat Midnight	23rd Nov 2023
Camden	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Thurs-Sat 1am	18th April 2024
Croydon	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Thurs-Sat 2am	9th March 2024
Brighton	Fri/Sat Midnight	27th Oct 2023
Colchester DT	Mon- Sun 2am	4th March 2024
Kingston	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Fri/Sat 1am	4th June 2025

Franchisee

Portsmouth	Fri/Sat Midnight	
Southend	Fri/Sat Midnight	
Wood Green	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Fri/Sat 2am	
Fulham	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Fri/Sat 1am	
Brampton Hut	Fri/Sat Midnight	
Cambridge	Sun-Weds Midnight, Thurs-Sat 2am	
Derby	Mon- Sun Midnight	
Leeds	Fri/Sat 5am	
Lincoln	Mon-Thurs Midnight, Fri/Sat 2am	
Middlesbrough	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Fri/Sat 1am	
Newcastle	Fri/Sat 2am	
Nottingham	Sun-Weds Midnight, Thurs-Sat 4am	
Peterborough	Mon-Sun Midnight	
Sheffield	Mon-Thurs Midnight, Fri/Sat 2am	
Southampton	Fri/Sat Midnight	
Spalding	Mon-Sun Midnight	
Solihull	Fri/Sat Midnight	
York	Sun-Thurs Midnight, Sat/Sun 1am	

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