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Thursday, 26 January 2023

TO: COUNCILLORS J MEE, G JOHNSON AND R MOLLOY

Dear Councillor,

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - LICENSING & GAMBLING SUB-COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 30 JANUARY 2023**

Please find attached a witness statement pertaining to Ormskirk Superstore.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JS", written over a horizontal line.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey
Chief Operating Officer

**AGENDA
(Open to the Public)**

8. **APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF ORMSKIRK SUPERSTORE, 16 AUGHTON STREET, ORMSKIRK – LATE INFORMATION. WITNESS STATEMENT APPENDIX 13** 281 - 284
To consider the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community.

We can provide this document, upon request, on audiotape, in large print, in Braille and in other languages.

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Lancashire County Council

Statement of Witness

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2;
Criminal Justice Act 1967, s9)

STATEMENT OF (name of witness): Angela Lomax
Age of witness: Over 18
Occupation of witness: Trading Standards Manager

This statement (consisting of 1 page 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 25th January 2023

Signed:

I am employed by Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service as a Trading Standards manager based at County Hall, Pitt Street, Preston PR1 0LD.

On Wednesday the 25th January 2023, whilst in Ormskirk I visited Ormskirk Superstore, 16 Aughton St, Ormskirk, L39 3BW where I made a test purchase of cigarettes.

I entered the store at around 13.20. As I entered, I saw a male sat behind the counter. I assumed the male to be a member of staff he was of Asian

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appearance, of average height, slim with dark short hair. He was wearing an orange coat and looked to be around 30 years of age. I asked him if I could buy 20 Richmond cigarettes. He asked "Richmond"? I replied Yes. He asked "20"? I replied "Yes" He moved and turned to behind the counter at the back and opened a sliding door decorated with Challenge 25 documents, this looked to be a cigarette cupboard. He took a packet of cigarettes from out of the cupboard, showed them to me and said "this Richmond?" I said yes. He said they were £11.80. I had a £10 note and went to get £2 coins from my purse and handed it to him. He started to give me the change and said do you want cheaper ones. I replied yes he then went underneath the counter and produced a blue packet of Richmond Kingsize handing them to me saying you should have asked he then went onto say something

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about next time he then proceeded to give me a number of £1 coins back as change . I left the store with the Blue packet of Richmond King Size which I believe to be counterfeit.

I produce in evidence, x1 packet of Richmond cigarettes, marked as exhibit **AL1** The cigarettes were different from the initial more expensive packet, not in standardised packaging and were suspected to be counterfeit. I kept the cigarettes upon my person in a signed sealed envelope.
