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Please find attached a further evidence document for submission on behalf of Thames Valley Police in relation to the review of Butts Convenience Stores, 205 Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire.

The document supplied for the consideration of the licensing sub-committee contains evidence from a recent Environmental Visual Audit (EVA), and visit to the premises on the 18th November 2020 following up from a test purchase pass on the 11th November 2020.

During the visit the following visual evidence was found:

1. Discarded cans and bottles surrounding the vicinity of the premises supported the hypothesis that the premises is supporting street drinking and the premise licence holder is failing to maintain and clean and tidy environment around the premises.
2. Drug paraphernalia in the form of "Cannabis/ Crack pipes" were on sale and in clear view of the sales counter. Although not illegal per se' the sub-committee may wish to consider if this supports the promotion of the licensing objectives in an area where drug usage and super strength alcohol consumption are currently huge impact factors in levels of crime within the area.
3. Large quantities of cheap super strength cider in "blue bottles" and cans of beer, lager and cider were on sale within the premises, including cans for 99p as well as eastern European products that skirt the 5.5% – 6.0% ABV levels. Many of the products were seen discarded outside of the premises.
4. A review of their refusal register was completed and it was determined that although they had "passed" a test purchase on the 11th November 2020 that they had failed to record this within the refusal log.

The evidential images have been directly taken from the body worn video of PC 5787 Wheeler. The video although not supplied as evidence itself has been preserved and is available upon request if the sub-committee wish to scrutinise this further.

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