

Sent: Saturday, 20 November 2021, 19:42
To: Bill Pegg
Cc: Simon Graham; Astra Jacob
Subject: Unlawful encampment Station Road, Stechford.

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Bill,

I hope you're well.

I am the acting 2IC/supervisor for the Stechford & Yardley North Neighbourhood Team in the absence of my Sergeant. I attended the unlawful encampment on Station Road, Stechford (Next to Cascades) with you on Thursday.

We have obviously served the occupants of the site with the S77 notices which I am aware expire on 25/11/2021 at 23:59hrs but I wanted to let you know of a few incidents that took place last night.

Firstly a burglary took place on Westacre Gardens yesterday (19/11/2021) offenders broke into a house and then subsequently stole a red Ford Fiesta. First log created.

A short while later the said stolen Ford Fiesta was seen behind the unlawful encampment being smashed up by 4 young white males (13-16yrs) who were seen coming and going by members of the public from the site through broken fencing. This vehicle was then driven onto the parkland behind the site ripping up the grass, smashing into the play areas, driving into fences that are perimeter fences of members of the public's gardens and crashing into street furniture and bins. Second log created.

Officers from Force Response located the stolen vehicle in the parkland and unfortunately no one was with it. The officers in attendance were then met with completely unacceptable hostile behaviour whereby items including large stones, lumps of concrete and other items were thrown at the officers causing them to have to request more officers and tactically withdraw from the location for their own safety. Third log created.

I am also aware of some of the vehicles on the site having been linked to other offences in the local area since they have arrived at the site on Station Road.

The members within this unlawful encampment are now not only having an affect on the members of the community around them but also on the demand placed on West midlands Police due to the calls for service regarding a rise in criminal offences being recorded in the area since their arrival.

When I spoke with you on Thursday you asked to be notified if there was a surge in offences being recorded or they could be linked to offences or anti social behaviour in the area. Slowly but surely this is becoming the case.

I am aware that no arrest's were made by response yesterday and that the duty inspector at the time made the decision that no officers were to enter the site.

Where do we now stand with taking further action?. Is it a case of we have to wait for the S77 notice to expire because it has been served and risk a further rise in crime or Anti Social Behaviour in the area or are there more effective/immediate measures that can be put in place due to the incidents that are occurring.

Regards.

Mike.

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(1) Birmingham City Council
(2) Claimant
(3) Mark Croxford
(4)1st
(4)Exhibit: MC6"
(6)DATE: 30/11/21

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

AT BIRMINGHAM

Claim Number: _____

B E T W E E N:

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Claimant

- and -

**MR THOMAS
CASH(1)
&**

**PERSONS UNKNOWN BEING THE
DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED BY DESCRIPTION
AT SCHEDULE 1 HEREOF WHO HAVE, SINCE 6
AUGUST 2021, PARTICIPATED IN THE
UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS
ESTABLISHED AT THE 17 LOCATIONS WITHIN
THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SPECIFIED AT
PARAGRAPH 13 HEREOF**

Defendants

EXHIBIT "MC6"

This is the Exhibit marked "MC6" referred to in the Witness Statement of Mark Croxford

PROPORTIONALITY ASSESSMENT

Name of Respondent	Members of a travelling group given lead "Smith" Who have been on 21 unauthorised encampments Birmingham from August to 26th October 2021
Address of Respondent	The Respondents are part of a travelling group occupying land in Birmingham
Type of action being considered: e.g. Injunction, demotion, possession etc.	1. Injunction with Power of Arrest against named individuals from setting up an unauthorised encampment on any land within Birmingham. And 2. Injunction requiring any unauthorised encampment that includes any of the scheduled registration numbers to leave within 2 hrs unless this notice period takes us past 5pm, in which case they must leave by 10am.

List the informal and formal action that has been taken in this matter so far e.g. ABC? Mediation? Visits?	Visits and Verbal warnings (Council and Police) Common law evictions
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<p>Does the Respondent have any vulnerability?</p> <p>e.g. Learning difficulty? Victim of Domestic Abuse?</p>	<p>None identified. The Council and WM Police have engaged with the group on multiple occasions. Welfare assessments have been made but no significant needs have been recorded for education or medical sign posting.</p> <p>It is possible that members of an unauthorised encampment would have vulnerabilities that they have not declared. However, this group is moving regularly in Birmingham. No indication of any particular Birmingham based service has been identified and that would necessitate the group remaining in Birmingham. There are transit sites in Birmingham, Sandwell Dudley Wolverhampton that are alternatives to Open spaces in Birmingham.</p> <p>If an encampment is set up, the impact on the local community, businesses and park users, who also are likely to have a variety of protected characteristics and vulnerabilities, and who will include children will be severe.</p>
<p>Is it believed that the Respondent/is disabled within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010?</p> <p>e.g. registered disabled?</p> <p>e.g. Mental health history (previously been sectioned or known to mental health team?)</p> <p>If Yes, please give details including whether it is believed that the anti-social or criminal behaviour is linked to this disability.</p>	<p>I do not believe the persons on site are disabled or at least disabled and not supported by others on the site to appoint there would be a detriment.</p> <p>It is possible that some members of any unauthorised encampment may have disabilities. Individual members of encampments may well have protected characteristics under the 2010 Act. There may be children, elderly people and/or disabled people present.</p> <p>The Council also has duties to make arrangements to ensure that its functions are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under s.11 Children Act 2004.</p> <p>The proposed order is intended to prevent this group setting up encampments in the first place. If an encampment is set up, the impact on the local community and park users, who also are likely to have a variety of protected characteristics and vulnerabilities, and who will include children, will be severe.</p> <p>The life style is about travelling and therefore there is nothing to indicate that there is significant risk of affecting someone who has a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 from residing in Birmingham as it does allow them to come in and trade, shop and use facilities/services just not reside on land they have no rights to settle upon.</p>

<p>Has the Respondent been offered or referred for any support?</p> <p>If yes, to who?</p> <p>When was last contact made and how?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>What impact is the behaviour having on victims/wider community/partner resources?</p>	<p>There are significant levels of nuisance, harassment alarm and distress caused to residents from this group.</p> <p>This is evidenced by complaints to Police and Council and in the statements submitted.</p> <p>In particular there has been offensive comments, driving vehicles at school children, guns being pointed at children, air rifles being shot at residential premises, windows being broken with stones being thrown at premises and use of a catapult and potentially involved in a burglary. There have also been significant levels of waste and criminal damage to sites. The costs to clean up sites following them moving off from significant levels of litter and waste, left on sites after they are vacated. significant levels of defecation on sites after they have been vacated.</p> <p>the grassed areas of the parks have been damaged by vehicles being raced and driven in a dangerous manner. Threatening abusive and aggressive behaviour. The settled community have been unable to use and enjoy the open land.</p> <p>Residents in the area surrounding the parks have also been affected including damage to residents' property, abusive and threatening behaviour.</p> <p>This has led to concern for public order and safety, harm to good community relations and residents feeling unable to enjoy being in their own homes.</p> <p>Unauthorised encampments are costing the Council and the local police significant sums of money at a time when there are limited resources for the provision of public services.</p> <p>Residents and park users also have relevant protected characteristics, such as age and disability especially given the use of the parks and their facilities by children and young people, schools and clubs, and the location in the surrounding areas of sheltered accommodation and a hospice.</p>

<p>Has re-housing been considered and by who or any other tools powers? Provide reasons for decision making process</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Re-housing would be considered if an application were made. However, this group is a community that lives in mobile caravans and choses to move around the country. Many in our experience have a winter base to return to but it is not known if these do.</p>
<p>Have you had due regard to the Public Sector Equality Act (s.149 Equality Act 2010)?</p> <p>(Please see Appendix 1 attached)</p>	<p>Yes. It is accepted that travellers have a relevant protected characteristic and that individual members of the community may well have other protected characteristics, though in relation to any prospective encampment, it is unknown what protected characteristics may be present. However these proceedings have been brought because of the sensitive nature of unauthorised encampments on open land being tolerated by the council when there is severe levels of ASB towards the settled community.</p> <p>Birmingham Council have on numerous occasions tolerated travellers, Council officers have carried out welfare assessments, allowed travellers time to remain on sites because of welfare issues The Council have identified needs amongst travellers in respect of education, health and housing and made referrals to the relevant agencies. The Council has sought to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between travellers and the settled community. The presence of this encampment group in unsuitable and sensitive locations and the level of anti -social behaviour on the unauthorised encampments is having a significant impact on local amenities, the local environment, neighbouring properties, public order and safety, and good community relations. Regard has also been had to the duty under s.11 Children Act 2004. These proceedings are in the public interest and proportionate.</p>

<p>Summarise why the proposed action is considered to be necessary and proportionate</p>	<p>Parks and open land are wholly unsuitable for travellers' encampments and such encampments cannot be permitted or tolerated there. More significant are the levels of nuisance harassment alarm and distress caused to residents from this group. This is evidenced by complaints to Police and Council and in the statements submitted.</p> <p>This group is responsible for criminal damage to Parks significant levels of litter and waste, left on sites after they are vacated. Significant levels of defecation on sites after they have been vacated.</p> <p>The grassed areas of the parks, have been damaged by vehicles being raced and driven in a dangerous manner Threatening abusive and aggressive behaviour.</p> <p>The settled community have been unable to use and enjoy the open land.</p> <p>Residents in the area surrounding this group's encampments have suffered criminal damage, threats and guns being pointed at school children and air rifles being fired at residential premises. Residents have also been affected including faeces and used toilet papers being left near residents premises, damage to residents' property, abusive and threatening behaviour.</p> <p>This has led to concern for public order and safety, harm to good community relations and residents feeling unable to enjoy being in their own homes.</p> <p>The behaviour of travellers on unauthorised encampments on these unauthorised encampments has impacted on residents, businesses and the council.</p> <p>Unauthorised encampments are costing the Council and the local police significant sums of money at a time when there are limited resources for the provision of public services. The Council have had to pay for the clean- up costs, bailiffs fees, the cost of repair work following the departure of each unauthorised encampment.</p> <p>The settled community and park users also have protected characteristics, vulnerabilities, rights and needs.</p> <p>It has reached a stage where balancing the needs of the settled community, park users and the travelling community the balance is in favour of the settled community, and I believe an injunction is both necessary and proportionate.</p>
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I can confirm that I have reviewed this case and the facts above and believe that the action suggested is necessary and proportionate means to achieving a legitimate aim.

Signed 

Job Title Head of Environmental Health.....

Date3rd December 2021.....

Have you had due regard to the public sector equality duty (s.149 Equality Act 2010)?

Relevant protected characteristic includes age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation.

In reaching a decision on what action to take you should bear in mind the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

In particular you should consider the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons with a relevant protected characteristic (*e.g. Someone with bipolar disorder who is experiencing a manic phase may be disadvantaged in a meeting about their behaviour by an inability to concentrate, racing thoughts and rapid speech*);
- take steps to meet the needs of people who have a relevant protected characteristic where they are different from the needs people who do not share it (*e.g. If someone is depressed you might need to take different steps to help them to engage with you such as home visits and face-to-face meetings rather than written warnings only*); and;
- encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low;
- tackle prejudice *and* the need to promote understanding (*this may be demonstrated by a policy or initiative that you have in place*).

Please record any particular steps you have taken and consideration you have given to the above.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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

Occupation Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 9 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.

Signature: S Phillips (witness)

Date 26/10/2021

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 7823 Phillips of the West Midlands Police.

This statement is a community impact statement regarding a group of travellers that have occupied a number of areas of Birmingham and Solihull within the West Midlands area in recent months. The travellers have moved from site to site and have stayed at various locations for varying periods of time. A number of concerns have been raised by members of the community regarding the anti-social behaviour and criminal offences reported where members of this group are suspected to be involved in those matters. The family names of some of this particular group is believed to be the "SMITH", "CONNOR", "CASH" family. The following statement encompasses all the issues and concerns raised by the community in relation to this particular group. The group left each location when served with an eviction notice from Birmingham City Council.

West Midlands Police first became aware of this particular group on 06/08/21 when the group moved onto Daisy Farm Park, Maypole Lane, Birmingham, B14 4NZ. The main police log for this particular location was 3144 06/08/21. The police log states that the travellers had driven into a gate to access to the area causing criminal damage. A total of seven caravans were noted on the police log 06/08/21. This increased to 10 caravans as noted on police log 3709 07/08/21. The following vehicles registrations were noted on the site: GF11ONL, DV60VTT, WG09JUC, WJ55CPF, LB07AKU, AU10TWP, EX15AYK, KT16KXY, KM05KXY, SK21VJG and 07MO3760.

A number of police logs with an excessive number which were reporting ASB, were generated from calls from members of the public:

3334 of 06/08/2021 – Daisy Farm Park – Breaking down fence

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3429 of 06/08/2021 – Daisy Farm Park – Breaking down fence
3430 of 06/08/2021 – Daisy Farm Park – Breaking down fence
3482 of 06/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Breaking down fence
818 of 07/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – gaining entry to field
962 of 07/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Breaking down fence
3168 of 07/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – fence smashed and entry gained
3709 of 07/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – 10 caravans on site
1584 of 08/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – ASB vehicle driven over field
2086 of 08/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Children driving around field
2787 of 08/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – ASB Driving around field
3271 of 09/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Driving around the field
3853 of 09/08/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Fires on the park and vehicles being driven on park.
BCC issued an eviction notice to the group, who then left this site on 16/08/21.

On 16/08/21, the travellers re-located to Moseley Rugby Club, Billesley Common, Yardley Wood Rd, Birmingham B13 OPT. Police log 1259 16/08/21 and 3184 16/08/21 refers to the entry gained to the site whereby a saw was used to cut the barrier. The following vehicles were noted as being at the site: DV18ZDG, LB07AKU, KP57TGU, Irish plate - 131-LS-566, SK21VJG and GF11ONL. Approximately 6 caravans were present.

A number of police logs were generated from calls to the police from members of the public:

2427 of 16/08/2021 – Moseley rugby Club – Caravans on site
3184 of 16/08/2021 – Billesley Common– Dogs off leads alarming the public
2123 of 17/08/2021 – Moseley rugby club – Travellers on site.

BCC issued an eviction notice to the group, who then left this site on 20/08/21.

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On 20/08/21, the travellers re-located to Chinn Brook Recreation ground, Chinn Brook Road, Birmingham, B13 0NB. Police log 757 20/08/21 refers. Six caravans were on site and the following vehicles were noted: LB07AKU, 131Is566, KP57TGU, 07mo3760, KT16KXY, SK21VJG, EX15AYK and DU11YVJ.

A number of police logs were generated from calls to the police from members of the public:

1686 of 20/08/2021 – Chinn Brook Recreation ground – Driving over field

2468 of 20/08/2021 Chinn Brook Recreation ground – threats made and stones being thrown at the public (public order crimed 20/169556/21)

3005-21/08/2021 – Chinn Brook Recreation ground – Travellers on site

3956 of 21/08/2021 – Colbourne Road – caravans by the library. The travellers then left the site on 22/08/21.

On 22/08/21, the traveller group relocated to Manningford Road, Druids Heath, Birmingham. The main police log for this encampment was 3367 22/08/21. Six caravans were present and the following vehicles were located: I3I-LS-566, KP57TGU, LB07AKU, GF11ONL, SK21VJG, DU11YVJ, 07-MO-3760, AU10TWP. The police log notes that this is the same group of travellers that have been at Moseley Rugby club and Chinn Brook recreation ground. Police log 1383 of 23/08/2021 was generated from a call from a member of the public – children on quad bikes causing anti-social behaviour.

On 04/09/21, the traveller group relocated to Partons Road in Kings Heath, Birmingham, on 04/09/21 (police log 1623). Entry to the site was gained by damaging a lock to a wooden gate. Seven caravans were present, along with the following vehicles: SK21VJG, GF11ONL, VN06JHL, DU11YVJ and LB07AKU. A number of calls to the police were generated from members of the public:

2400 of 04/09/2021 – Partons Road – Community tensions & racial abuse - crime 20/1715245/21

3000 of 04/09/2021 – Partons Road - Damaging buildings

3208 of 04/09/2021 – Partons Road – Damaging buildings

1328 of 05/09/2021 – Partons Road – Damaging site and stealing lead off buildings

3244 of 05/09/2021 – Ye Olde Red Lion, Vicarage Road – criminal Damage and threats 20/1258771/21.

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On 05/09/21 the travellers relocated to Kings Heath Park, Vicarage Road, Birmingham. Over 30 caravans were reported to have entered the park area. At least three web chats were generated to the police regarding anti-social driving on the park area along with police logs:

2017 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Travellers on park
2042 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Travellers on park
2142 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Travellers on park
2146 of 05/09/2021 – Kings Heath Park – Dangerous driving on the park
2241 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Travellers on park
2255 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Travellers on park
2863 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Dangerous driving on the park
2945 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Dangerous driving on the park
3047 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Dangerous driving on the park
3655 of 05/09/2021 - Kings Heath Park – Travellers on park
1988 of 06/09/2021 – Kings Heath Park
2939 of 06/09/2021 – Kings Heath Park – Travellers at location
1297 of 07/09/2021 – Kings Heath Park – Dangerous driving
1523 of 08/09/2021 – Highbury Park – Children driving dangerously in park
1628 of 08/09/2021 - Highbury Park – Children driving dangerously towards members of public
1874 of 08/09/2021 - Highbury Park – Children driving dangerously towards members of public
1898 of 08/09/2021 – Highbury Park – Travellers at location
3130 of 08/09/2021 - Highbury Park – driving dangerously in park
3422 of 08/09/2021 – Highbury Park – Travellers at location driving a quad bike
2316 of 09/09/2021 – Highbury Park – ASB and Dangerous driving
3510 of 09/09/2021 – Highbury Park – ASB
2808 of 10/09/2021 – Highbury Park – Travellers on site

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2892 of 10/09/2021 – Highbury Park – Dangerous driving

On 11/09/21, this group relocated to Kings Norton Park. Police log 1562 of 11/09/2021 refers to the group relocating along Pershore Road South, Birmingham, into Eckersall Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham. The following vehicles were identified: GK13OJA, SK21VJG, GF11ONL, BJ56EPK, DV18ZDG, FL64JYK, DU11YVJ and KP57TGU.

A significant amount of police logs were generated whilst the group were present at the location:

1585 of 11/09/2021 – Eckersall Road – Forcing way into field

1834 of 11/09/2021 – Eckersall Road – Blocking car park, threatening/intimidating staff

4381 of 12/09/2021 (4238 of 12/09/21 and 4382 of 12/09/21 linked) – GKN Aerospace transparency systems – Business burglary 20/765279/21

1490 of 14/09/2021 – Catesby Park – cutting fences down

1872 of 13/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – travellers arriving

1829 of 13/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – travellers arriving

1830 of 13/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – travellers arriving

2476 of 13/09/21 - Kings Norton Park – Driving in the park

2252 of 13/09/2021 – Threats/public order – two section 4 public order crimes 20/1743017/21 and 20/1741127/21

2560 of 13/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – Driving in the park and trying to steal dogs

3216 of 13/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – Dangerous driving

3316 of 13/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – driving over park

1162 of 14/09/2021 - Kings Norton Park - ASB and dangerous driving

1712 of 14/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park – travellers on site

2467 of 14/09/2021 - Kings Norton Park – ASB and children defecating in public

732 of 15/09/2021 - Kings Norton Park – Driving towards and shouting at members of the public

2350 of 15/09/2021 – Kings Norton Park - Dangerous driving

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2914 of 16/09/2021 - Kings Norton Park – Dog bite – 20/1746393/21

3735 of 16/09/2021 – Wychall Lane- Breaking into nature reserve

3737 of 16/09/2021 – Wychall Lane – Travellers on site

3745 of 16/09/2021 – Wychall Lane – Travelers on site

3810 of 16/09/2021 – Catesby Park – Threats to security

3879 of 16/09/2021 – Catesby Park – Attacking security, weapons mentioned

4114 of 16/09/2021 – Sainsbury's Chapel Lane – youths breaking into premises

105 of 17/09/2021 – Sainsbury's Chapel Lane – inside the derelict building.

On 17/9/21, the group relocated to the Selly Oak area. Twelve caravans were located at the Battery Retail Park in the Selly Oak area of Birmingham. Police log 821 of 17/09/2021 refers. A lock was broken on the gate to access to the site. The following vehicles were located on the site: AD06THN, BIGS307, DG07NWJ, SK21VJG, GF11ONL, DV18ZDG, FL64JYK, AU10TWP, VN06JHL, PN19YHR, 131LS566, LB07AKU, 07MO3760 and GF11ONL. The following logs were generated:

1348 of 17/09/2021 – Sainsbury's Chapel Lane – travellers at location

1467 of 17/09/2021 – Sainsbury's Chapel Lane – 20/1753064/21 criminal damage to vehicle

1467 of 17/09/2021 – Sainsbury's Chapel Lane - throwing stones at vehicles - 20/657788/21 criminal damage to vehicle

3259 of 17/09/2021 - Sainsbury's Chapel Lane – inside derelict building – throwing bricks at security van when they turned up

2584 of 18/09/2021 - Sainsbury's Chapel Lane - throwing stones at vehicles

2852 of 18/09/2021 – TK Maxx Chapel Lane – Children stealing and making threats - 20/1755908/21 - Theft from Shops and Stalls.20/1755990/21 - Threats to Cause Criminal Damage.

3128 of 18/09/2021 - Sainsbury's Chapel Lane - throwing stones at vehicles

1656 of 23/09/2021 – Harborne Lane/Gibbons Road (Selly Oak Park)

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On 23/09/21, this group relocated to Selly Oak Park, Gibbons Park. The following vehicles were located on the site: BIG 6307, GK13 OJA, KCK 8903, PN19 YHR, DG07 NWJ, FL54 JYK, Silver X1 caravan 131-LS-566 Silver Nissan & x1 trailer. AD06 THN & X1 Trailer LB07 AKO YY54 MFO, DV13 GUR, DK66 VXD, CF60 PBV, DV18 ZOG, BLT8 EPK, BU11 YVJ, AV10 TWP, SK21 VJG. The following police logs were recorded:

1675 of 18/09/2021 - Harborne Lane/Gibbons Road (Selly Oak Park) – Turning up at location
2894 of 24/09/2021 - Woolacombe Lodge Road – 20/1768780/21 Criminal Damage to vehicle
3048 of 24/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park – Male attacked (log 3570 of 24/09/21 linked to this)
3232 of 24/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park – Threats made
3570 of 24/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park – Assaults 20/1775777/21 and 20/1775468/21
2595 of 25/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park – Attempted to steal vehicle
2952 of 25/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park - ASB children on quad bikes
2990 of 25/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park - ASB children on quad bikes
3011 of 25/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park - Assault
3919 of 25/09/2021 - Selly Oak Park – ASB driving on the field at speed and setting fires
1464 of 25/09/2021 - Selly Oak Park – Garden waste dumped into residents garden
915 of 26/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park - Dog running around field after members of the public
1943 of 26/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park – Dog bite. Two Alsatian dogs from traveller site chased a child and bit them causing a minor injury.
1469 of 28/09/2021 – Selly Oak Park – Attempt to steal bike
1773 of 28/09/2021 – Bristol Road – Caravans blocking road
1778 of 28/09/2021 – Oak Tree Lane – Dangerous driving

The group relocated to Manningford Road Druids Heath, Birmingham. The following vehicles were located on this site DG07 NWJ, CF60 FBV, AD06 THN, FL64 JYK, DU11 YVJ, BIG 6307, GK13 OJA, 07-MO-3760, 131-LS-566, BJ69 ZDE, PK58 YBZ, LB07 AKU.

1922 of 28/09/2021 – Manningford Road (ASB non crime 20/170344/21)

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1939 of 28/09/2021 – Manningford Road – Blocking Road and dangerous driving
1965 of 28/09/2021 – Bicknell Croft - Theft from shop
2372 of 28/09/2021 – Manningford Road – ASB and Dangerous driving
1558 of 29/09/2021 – Bicknell Croft – Throwing stones at windows
1917 of 29/09/2021 – Manningford Road - Throwing stones at windows
1929 of 29/09/2021 – Louise Croft - Throwing stones at windows
1935 of 29/09/2021 – Bicknell Croft - Throwing stones at windows
2154 of 29/09/2021 - Manningford Road - Throwing stones at windows
2178 of 29/09/2021 – Bicknell Croft - Throwing stones at windows (20/1769987/21 Criminal Damage)
2179 of 29/09/2021 – Bicknell Croft - Throwing stones at windows
2493 of 29/09/2021 - Bicknell Croft - Throwing stones at windows
1624 of 30/09/2021 – Manningford Road – Off road bikes on field
1660 of 30/09/2021 – Louise Croft – Off road bikes on field
1730 of 30/09/2021 – Bicknell Croft – Stones thrown at windows
1886 of 30/09/2021 – Manningford Road – Off road Bikes on field
2742 of 30/09/2021 – Manningford Road – Driving motorbikes at members of the public
3429 of 30/09/2021 – Manningford Road – Driving on field
2177 of 01/10/2021 – Bicknell Croft – Throwing stones at houses
2232 of 01/10/2021 – Bells Lane – missing moped being smashed up on field (fire log 62767)
2772 of 01/10/2021 - Bicknell Croft – Threats made to put windows through
3181 of 01/10/2021 – Bicknell Croft – Trying to get into property windows damaged (criminal damage 20/1776262/21)
3258 of 01/10/2021 - Bicknell Croft - Throwing stones at windows
3259 of 01/10/2021 – Bicknell Croft – trying to get into a property throwing stones at windows
3889 of 01/10/2021 – Manningford Hall Car Park (moved quite quickly)

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The group relocated to Gospel Lane, Solihull on 03/10/21. The following vehicles were located on this site
Ford transit GF11ONL, BT54AHE, PN19YHR, 07-M0-3760, SK21VJG, BIG 6307, GK13OJA, DG07NWA,
AD06 THN, DV18 ZDG, DV13GUE, FL11PLO, CF60FBV, NX08CWA, BU11YVJ, FL64JYK, PK58YBZ,
LB07AKU, VE19VWW . The following logs were generated whilst at this location:

3963 of 01/10/2021 – Gospel Lane – Smashing gates to get into park

3969 of 01/10/2021 – Gospel Lane – Travellers on park

1604 of 03/10/2021 – Gospel Lane – travellers on site

4225 of 03/10/2021 – Gospel Lane – ASB, loud music, dangerous driving

The group relocated to Daisy Farm Park on 05/10/21. The following vehicles were noted on this site
DX54ZKO, KCK890F, FL08AXS, SK21VJG, DV18ZDG, DU11YVJ, FL64JYK, VN06JHL, PK58YBZ,
LB07AKU, AD06THN, NX08CWA

4206 of 05/10/2021 – Daisy Farm Park

4232 of 05/10/2021 – Daisy Farm Park - Travellers arriving

4336 of 05/10/2021 – Daisy Farm Park – Travellers arriving

478 of 06/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park - Male defacating in the bush

867 of 06/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Dangerous driving

2691 of 06/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Driving quad bikes on the field

2793 of 06/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Motorbike racing around the area

3054 of 06/10/2021 – Daisy Farm Park – Criminal damage to park area – removing posts

3541 of 06/10/2021 – Daisy Farm Park – Driving dangerously on field

4047 of 6/10/2021 – Highters Heath Lane – Causing issues in the shop, knife seen (section 47 crimed
20/1787059/21)

3395 of 07/10/2021- May Lane – Trailer stolen 20/1789131/21

3487 of 07/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park (Linked to log 3395 of 07/10/2021) – stolen trailer found, victim
having items thrown at him

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3521 of 07/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park - Racially Aggravated Sec 4 Public order offence 20/1797115/21

3693 of 07/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – Assault of children

3778 of 07/10/2021 – Daisy Farm Park - Children being physically abusive

2128 of 08/10/2021 - Daisy Farm Park – children driving on park

2429 of 08/10/21 - Daisy Farm Park - 15 caravans on the park. One car has driven into the fence causing damage.

2463 of 08/10/21 - Daisy Farm Park - abandoned and damaged vehicle

The group relocated to Swanshurst Park on 13/10/21. No vehicle registrations were noted by officers on this occasion. The following logs were generated:

3018 of 13/10/2021 – Swanshurst Park - Multiple travellers entering park

3182 of 13/10/2021 – Swanshurst Park – Damaging Park

3220 of 13/10/2021 – Swanshurst Park – Turning up at location

2396 of 13/10/2021 - Swanshurst Park – Dogs running around field

2524 of 14/10/2021 - Swanshurst Park – Children driving vehicles

2514 of 15/10/2021 – Swanshurst Park - Driving on field

1597 of 16/10/2021 - Swanshurst Park – Driving on field

2875 of 16/10/2021 – Swanshurst Park – Disorder, children with metal poles

2320 of 17/10/2021 – Swanshurst Park - Driving on field

On 17/10/21 this group relocated to Moseley Rugby Club, Yardley Wood Rd, Billesley. The following vehicles were noted on this site 07MO3760, BJ56EPK, BJ69ZDF, CF60 FBV, DV18DZG, DK66VED, DU11YVJ, FL64JYK, GF11DNL, KJZ 9398, LB60NBU, LR18EOU, SJ18LLD, SN67ZSD, SK71RGO, SN67ZSD, PX09XMV, YY54MFO, BIG 6307. It was noted during this time that two Asation dogs were running loose around the site. The following logs were generated in and around this location:

2975 of 17/10/2021 – Moseley Rugby Club

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2466 of 18/10/2021 – Moseley Rugby Club - Racial H/A/D

2908 of 18/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Harassment

3287 of 18/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – ASB

2332 of 19/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – ASB

3150 of 19/10/2021 – Moseley Rugby Club - Dangerous driving

3272 of 19/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Shop theft

2515 of 20/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Travellers on site

634 of 21/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Dogs running around field

792 of 21/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Travellers on site

1108 of 21/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Two large dogs in school grounds

3258 of 21/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Defecating in public

3347 of 21/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Argument (unknown if between travellers or public)

579 of 22/10/2021 - Moseley Rugby Club – Not left location – should have left by midnight on 21/10/21

591 of 22/10/2021 – Moseley Rugby Club – Not left location

1467 of 22/10/2021 – Driving to next location causing traffic issues

On 22/10/21 following being evicted from Moseley Rugby Club, the same group then relocated to Senneleys Park, Bartley Green which log 1658 22/10/21 refers. The following vehicles were noted on site CF60FBV, FL64JYK, LR18EOU, DK66VXD, DV18ZDG, LM16HTD, AD06THN, GK13OJA, LN15HTV, YY54MFO and SN67ZSD. The following logs were generated whilst on site:

1658 of 22/10/2021 – Senneleys Park

2542 of 22/10/2021 - Senneleys Park – Arriving at location

2627 of 22/10/2021 – Senneleys Park - Travellers at location

2763 of 22/10/2021 - Senneleys Park – Children driving dangerously

2790 of 22/10/2021 - Senneleys Park – Driving on park – throwing bottles at parked car

3456 of 22/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – Assault

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3213 of 23/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – Air rifle damage to fence

3867 of 23/10/2021 - Senneleys Park – Air rifles being shot

2546 of 24/20/2021 – Bartley Drive – BDH Windows Smashed

2547 of 24/10/2021 – Bartley Drive – Attempt burglary

2464&2494 of 24/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – Shed broken into

3533 of 24/10/2021 – Tigley Avenue – Trying to break into house

2964 of 24/10/2021 - Senneleys Park – Tried to run people over

95 of 25/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – Vehicle interference

771 of 25/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – People in garden

1685 of 25/10/2021 – Kingsbridge Road – Threats made

1843 of 25/10/2021 – Tigley Avenue – Intimidated by presence of travellers (linked to 3553-24/10/21)

1848 of 25/10/2021 – Kingsbridge Road – Threats to kill

1910 of 25/10/2021 – Tigley Avenue - Setting of fireworks

1920 of 25/10/2021 – California Way – dogs in road

1921 of 25/10/2021 – Wentworth Way – Dogs in road

2000 of 25/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – In garden of property

2001 of 25/10/2021 – Greenacres – Threats to throw stones at windows

2786 of 25/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – Children trying to get onto property & throwing stones at windows

3025 of 25/10/2021 – Senneleys Park – General concern due to travellers at location

3357 of 25/10/2021 – Stonehouse Lane – dogs in road

3445 of 25/10/2021 – Warston Avenue – offering garden services, very persistent

1072 of 26/10/2021 – Jiggins Lane – Children climbing over fence

Therefore, in light of the above I believe that a Civil Injunction to cover this group is necessary in order to prevent future disorder in Birmingham and Solihull within the West Midlands area and to protect members of the local community and to protect members of the travelling community. There have been an excessive

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number of logs relating to ASB and logs relating from shop thefts to robberies to dog bites. There has clearly been a substantial amount of incidents where people have reported that they have been caused distress by the travellers. There are a number of vehicles which have been sighted at the various sites set up which makes me believe that this is the same group of travellers at the various sites, in addition to the dates as when one site is left, they have arrived at another within the same date. The injunction will provide the Police with additional enforcement powers, which will help to reduce the impact of any future encampments regarding this particular group and to maintain law and order.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. URN

Statement of Sarah Phillips

Age if under 18 Ov 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Officer

This statement (consisting of one 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.

Signature: S Phillips (witness)

Date 03/11/21

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 7823 Sarah Phillips of the West Midlands Police.

This statement is following on from a previous community impact statement regarding a group of travellers that have occupied a number of areas of Birmingham and Solihull within the West Midlands area in recent months.

Further to this statement, I would like to exhibit the following items which are images taken of different members of the traveller groups at two separate locations:

Ex Ref SP/01 - word document containing 5 images of two males and a white van who were present on 22/10/21 on Moseley Rugby Club, Yardley Wood Rd, Billesley.

Ex Ref SP/02 - word document containing 3 images of males and vehicle FL08AXS, who were present on 24/9/21 on Selly Oak Park.

Ex Ref SP/03 - word document containing 1 image of male and vehicle GK13OJA, who were present on 24/9/21 on Selly Oak Park.

Ex Ref SP/04 - word document containing 2 images of male and vehicle KCK890F, who was present on 24/9/21 on Selly Oak Park.

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Ex Ref – SP/01

Moseley Rugby Club 22/10/21







EX REF – SP/02

VEH:

VRM: FL08 AXS. SSANGYONG REXTON 270 S, SILVER.



Driver and Passenger below of VEH: FL08 AXS



Female in image claimed to be sister of the driver, has also been seen on a different day at different location cleaning the same vehicle.



Ex Ref SP/03

VRM: GK13 OJA, MERCEDES, SILVER



Ex Ref SP/04

VRM – KCK 890F, LANDROVER DISCOVERY, GREY.



Driver of Veh: KCK 890F



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Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 s.5B)

Statement of:

Age of Witness: over 18

Occupation:

This statement, consisting of 6 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 day of October 2021

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] Bicknell
Croft, Birmingham [REDACTED]. I live here with my
adult daughter.

On the Tuesday 28th September 2021 I noticed at
about 7pm a flurry of caravans and cars going to
the grass area called The Dell.

On the Wednesday 29th September 2021 at about
lunchtime my daughter, who was studying in her
bedroom at the back of the house, came downstairs to
me in the living room where I was working, to say
that some boys from the encampment were throwing
stones at her window. She said there were 3 boys
between 7 - 11 years old. I went outside to
talk politely to the boys to ask them to stop.
The older boy apologised and said they'd stop.

Signed [REDACTED] (Witness) Date: 21.10.21

(To be completed if applicable) being unable to read the above
statement I, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]

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Continuation Sheet No. 1 of 6

Statement of: [REDACTED]

They stopped for a short while but then went on to throw stones at neighbours windows. About 1/2 an hour later they came round to the front of my house and started throwing stones again at my living room window. I went outside again and asked them to stop again but they ignored me and continued. I then called the police because I was starting ^{to} panic about my welfare and my daughter's. Then I rang the police and they said if it gets worse ring back. One officer asked if the windows had been broken and I said 'no'. He said 'well they can't be throwing them that hard then'. The boys continued but started to use bigger stones and rocks and then my windows got smashed. I got scared, worried. There were 7 boys by then and they had smashed the outer glazing. The inner glazing was intact. I heard one of the boys say to carry on throwing to get the inner window. When I heard this I was very fearful for my

Signed [REDACTED] (Witness) Date: 21.10.21

(To be completed if applicable [REDACTED] being unable to read the above statement I, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]

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Continuation Sheet No. 2 of 6

Statement of: [REDACTED]

Safety and my daughter's safety. My daughter and I were in shock. I rang the police. They gave me a crime number of 201769987/21. They said they would visit me + the travellers.

In the meantime the traveller boys continued. By 4pm they stopped throwing stones + went back to the caravans and did not emerge for the rest of the day.

On the Thursday 30th September 2021 at about 2pm I was working in my living room and I heard the throwing of rocks and eggs at the windows. There were 4 boys from the caravans doing this. I rang the police. I didn't tell my daughter what had happened because I didn't want to worry her + she was about to leave for university. She would have worried about leaving me here on my own.

On 4 I felt assured that the police had visited

Signed [REDACTED] (Witness) Date: 21.10.21

(To be completed if applicablebeing unable to read the above statement I,of.....

read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: Date:

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Continuation Sheet No. 3 of 6

Statement of: [REDACTED]

on the Wednesday so didn't stress too much. But because it resumed on the Thursday I felt worse, and even more frightened. It affected my sleep + my daughter's sleep. We were scared and felt we had to be on alert all night. I woke up very tired on Friday 1st October 2021.

On 1st October 2021 the throwing of stones + rocks at my window continued. There were 4 boys and it started at 11.30am. I rang the police. They said they had not had a chance to go out yet. It continued + the police operator noted down she had heard the stones being thrown. The stone throwing made me jump and my daughter was crying. I felt that I wasn't being supported by the police. My neighbour shouted at them and the boys retreated back to The Dell. When I went back into the house after chatting to the neighbours outside - the boys returned and smashed the 2nd window.

Signed ... [REDACTED] ... (Witness) Date: 21.10.21

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Signed: Date:

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Statement of: _____

I wanted to cry, in disbelief, didn't know what to do so I rang the police again and Bill Pegg Enforcement Officer, Birmingham City Council Police said they were coming out because there was damage. My sister came home and brought my daughter back from the bus stop because I was worried about my daughter having to walk past them. They carried on throwing stones and I was getting worried they would smash the inner glazing. They then went + came back with a metal stake/pole (used for tying up dogs) and tried to break in through my front door. I was very very scared. I rang 999 and police came. The 2 officers called for back up who came immediately + they all went over to the caravans. That evening all was calm + quiet but we were still scared, anxious, frightened, worried about backlash because I called

Signed: _____ (Witness) Date: 21.10.21

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Signed: Date:

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Statement of: _____

the police. I didn't sleep all night. I was contemplating
lying down overnight in the living room so I could
hear more.

The travellers left on Friday ^{1st} ~~2nd~~ October - in
the evening. All was quiet in the ^{evening} ~~day~~. But I
still couldn't sleep. It has left me drained,
vulnerable, wary, cautious + I have had to buy
a CCTV camera and I have to pay for my
windows to be replaced.

I wish my name and address to remain anonymous
for of my and my daughter's safety.

Signed _____ (Witness) Date: 21.10.21

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Signed: Date:

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Statement of: ~~REDACTED~~

Age of Witness: over 18

Occupation: STAY AT HOME MOM

This statement, consisting of 3 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 day of OCTOBER 2021

I am the above named person and I live on BICKNELL CROFT. I am not happy to disclose my house number because I feel that I have been harassed enough and I fear the safety of myself and children.

I am making this statement about the gypsies who were camped on the field at the end of BICKNELL CROFT at the end of SEPTEMBER 2021. There have been lots of gypsies camping there before but I have never had a problem before.

On one day it was the day that my neighbor had her window smashed which I found out after, wood, bricks, boulders and all sorts were being thrown at the back of my house. They were hitting the walls mainly but

Signed ~~REDACTED~~ (Witness) Date: 21/10/2021

(To be completed if applicable)being unable to read the above statement I,of N/A

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Signed: Date:

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Continuation Sheet No. 2 of 3

Statement of: ~~REDACTED~~ ~~REDACTED~~

when they hit my windows I was worried they would smash as they are only single glazed. I was really frightened and distressed because I didn't know what was going on and I had my two young children in the house with me. I went up to my sons bedroom and opened the window and shouted out "STOP" but they continued. They were all boys aged between 8 years and 14 years old. I can't believe they continued throwing rocks at my property laughing, after I had told them to stop. I looked towards the caravans and could see one of the adults, probably a parent standing watching what they were doing. I knew it was the children from the gypsies camping there as I had seen them on the fields, meaning I could not let my children out. The children then ran out of my view and a short time later the Police arrived. They then left

Signed ~~REDACTED~~ (Witness) Date: 21/10/2021

(To be completed if applicable being unable to read the above statement I, N/A of

read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: Date:

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Statement of: ~~REDACTED~~

*the area with all the cars but left loads
of black bags and gas canisters by the gate
posts in the park.*

*I have never felt unsafe in my home before but
I have never experienced such harassment for
no reason. I was also upset that my children
saw me so distressed. I was so relieved when
they were moved on and I hope that they
never come back.* x ~~REDACTED~~

Signed ~~REDACTED~~ (Witness) Date: 21/10/2021

(To be completed if applicable being unable to read the above
statement I, of N/A

read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: Date:)

(1) Birmingham City Council
(2) Claimant

(4)1st

(3) Exhibit: LB1"

(6)DATE: 23/11/20

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT BIRMINGHAM

Claim Number:

BETWEEN:

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Claimant

- and -

MR THOMAS CASH

&

**PERSONS UNKNOWN BEING THE
DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED BY DESCRIPTION
AT SCHEDULE 1 HEREOF WHO HAVE, SINCE 6
AUGUST 2021, PARTICIPATED IN THE
UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS
ESTABLISHED AT THE 15 LOCATIONS WITHIN
THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SPECIFIED AT
PARAGRAPH 13 HEREOF**

Defendant

EXHIBIT "LB1"

This is the Exhibit marked "LB1" referred to in the Witness Statement of 







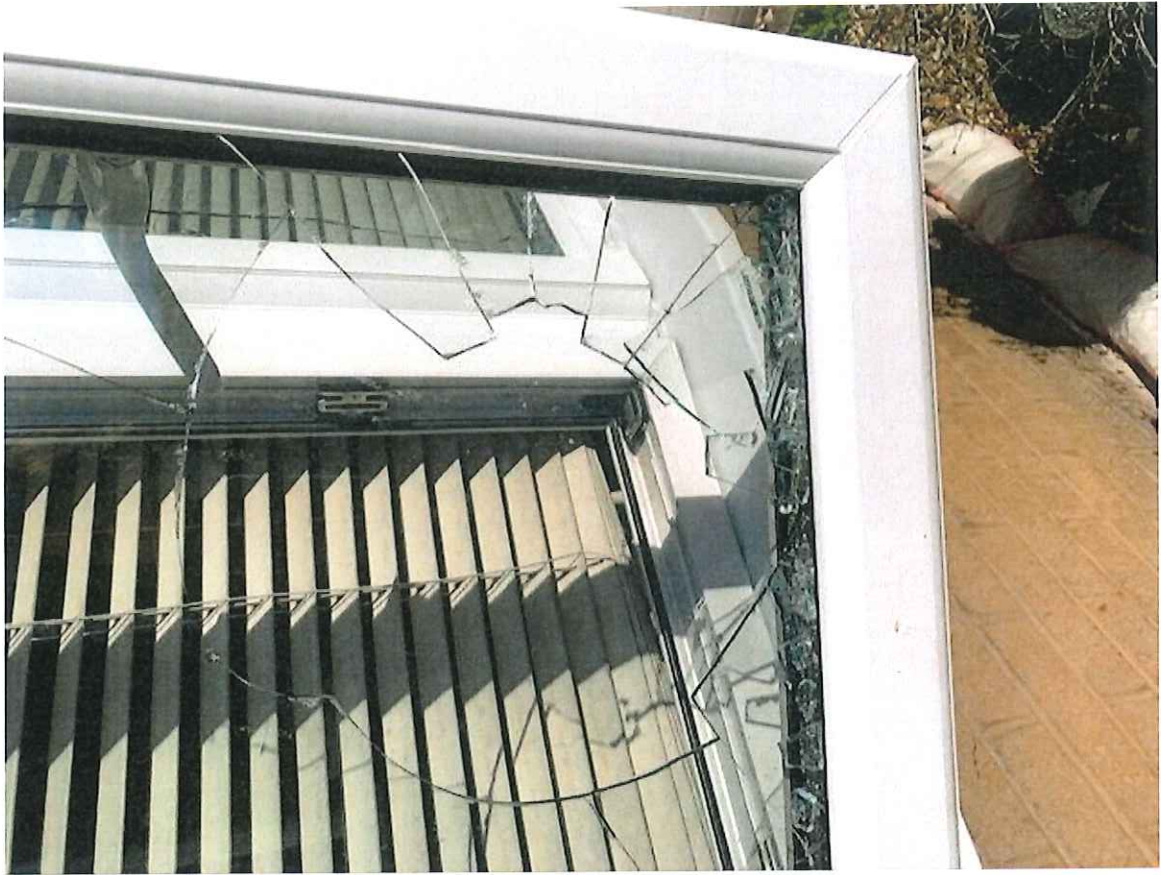




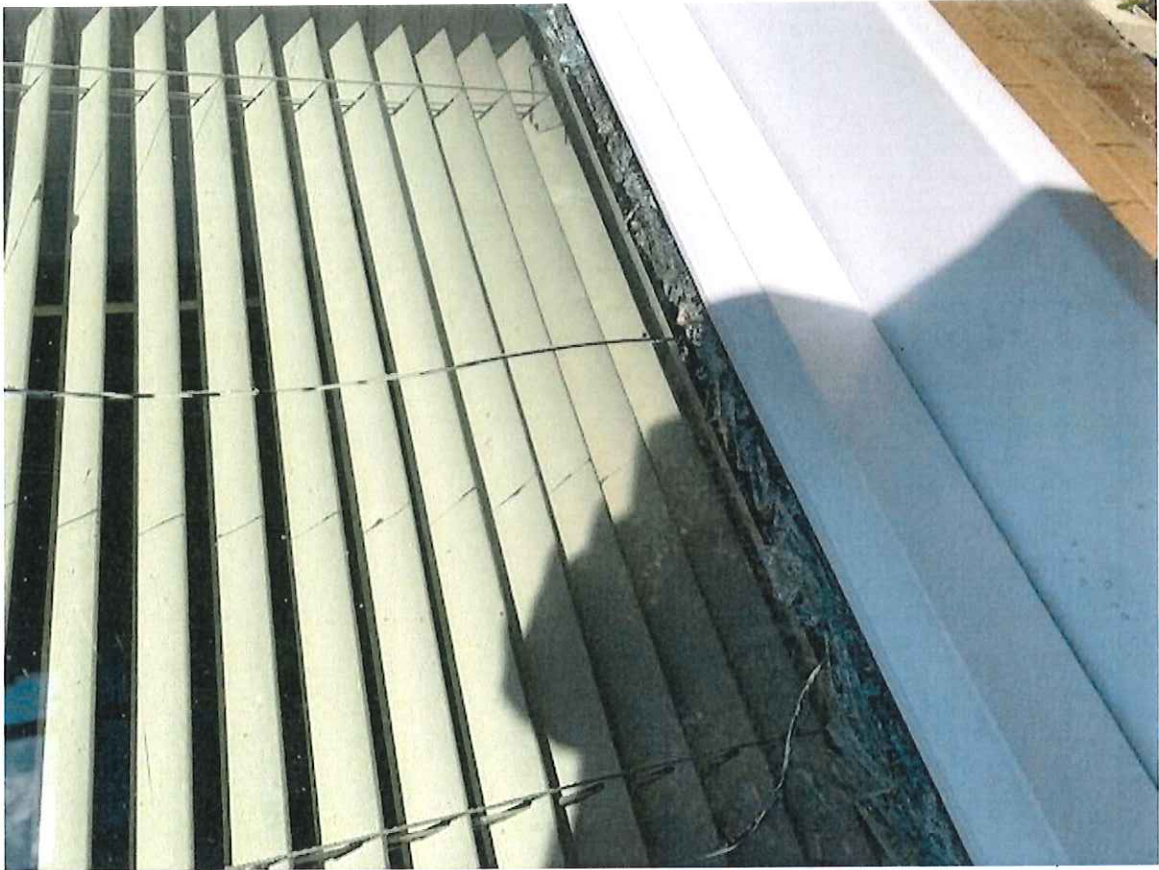














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Statement of: [REDACTED] Age of Witness: over 18

Occupation: [REDACTED]

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.

Dated the 21st day of October 2021

My name is [REDACTED]
Bicknell Croft, Birmingham with my husband and 3
daughters. On Wednesday 29th September 2021
my mum heard some noises at the back bedroom
windows. I looked out and ~~saw~~ saw 6 boys from
the caravans in The Dell. They were throwing stones at
my windows. We told them to stop and they then
tried to kick down the back garden gate. Then they
moved on to another house. I felt unsafe for
me and my family. I was scared and anxious
and worried they might break the glass or come
round the front + break windows. At night time
they would shout and scream and argue which
stopped me from sleeping. I was scared and angry.

Signed X: [REDACTED] (Witness) Date: 21/10/21.

(To be completed if applicablebeing unable to read the above
statement I,of.....

read it to him/her before he/she signed it.

Signed: Date:)

- (1) Birmingham City Council
(2) Claimant
(3) Statement of Richard Fieldhouse
(4) Exhibits
(5) 29/10/21

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

Claim No.

BETWEEN:

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Claimant

and

THOMAS CASH (D1)
PATRICK CONNORS (D2)
PATRICK CONNORS (D3)

**PERSONS UNKNOWN BEING THE DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED BY
DESCRIPTION AT SCHEDULE 1 HEREOF WHO HAVE, SINCE 6 AUGUST 2021,
PARTICIPATED IN THE UNAUTHORISED TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENTS
ESTABLISHED AT THE 17 LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.**

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF

RICHARD FIELDHOUSE

I, Richard Fieldhouse , of Birmingham City Council, will say as follows:

1. I am Richard Fieldhouse I have worked as an Enforcement Officer for the Environmental Department at Birmingham City Council for approximately 9 ½ months.
2. The information contained in this statement comes from my own knowledge.
3. This statement is my findings after gathering evidence following a Traveller Encampment that had been present at Billesley Park. I deemed it necessary to revisit the site after previously taking a statement from E1 after a robbery that had taken place on 18th October 21 additional information required included CCTV and photography. I visited the encampment area on Tuesday 26th October and then proceeded to BCC compound which is located on 665 Yardley Wood Road, Billesley, B13 OHN on Wednesday 27th October.
4. I arrived at Billesley Park on Tuesday at 13.00hrs and started walking around the area taking photographs as I was proceeding around the park, it was evident that vehicles from the encampment had driven over the grass near the bollard to gain access at some point as there was visible tyre marks on the grass visible. Images RF1/1, RF1/2 & RF1/3
5. There was fresh tyre marks noted all over the park, when walking to look at the tyre marks I spotted a watch and strap upon closer inspection it was a RADO watch with a leather strap(1) I placed took a photo and placed this in my pocket – RF1/5 & RF1/6.
6. Imagery was taken at the of the back of the BCC depot which is adjacent to the park to help me visualise departure areas for the equipment's removal from the depot. There was a strong indication that the equipment was being passed over the fence and this is what CCTV RF3 indicated as burglars where carrying kit in that direction. Image RF1/8, RF1/9, RF1/10, RF1/11, RF1/12, RF1/13. Upon inspecting the fences there was an over growth of bushes and plantation, which is where I noticed a commercial tool (no battery), I picked up the drill as a precaution and I notified the police that I had found it and where. Image RF1/14& RF1/15.
7. Upon looking around the park you could see that the grounds had heavily been damaged by cars racing around “doughnutting” with a vast amount of tyre tread prints present, this had been mentioned by an employee at BCC on my first visit on 22/10/21 as they

had witnessed it and mentioned it in conversation but they wished not to give any evidence. Imagery RF1/16, RF1/17 & RF1/18.

8. Imagery RF1/19 RF1/20 & RF1/21- demonstrated that there had been a steel post present but upon the day of inspection it was missing and appeared to have been forcibly removed.
9. On Wednesday 27th October I met up with a BCC employee who wishes not to be named due to fearing any possible repercussions from the travellers, for purposes of this statement I will refer to him as E2.
10. At 11.30hrs I arrived at the premises and met E2, I advised them that I would like a better understanding of the events that took place on 18th October 21 along with another tour of the premises to help me understand the incident better. E2 informed me that he had been looking through CCTV and that he had discovered additional footage that he thought may be of importance. After quickly reviewing the footage I asked E2 to show me the areas where the perpetrators could be seen on CCTV.
11. E2 took me to the main storage area where he confirmed that all the trucks were placed in that building that evening and its evidential on RF3 that products are being removed from the premises by several individuals at 21.20hrs on 17th October 2021. We then proceeded to the entry point RF2/1 which is where there was a shutter which got shunted up so that someone could gain access and roll under, its possible that a tyre was used to hold the shutter up as you can see a tyre roll across the tarmac and someone runs after it to bring it back. Image RF2/2 door was used for the individuals to come in and out of through the early hours of the morning remove equipment from the storage unit.
12. Within the unit there was an alarm system, and this is activated through motion sensors that are at waist height at the entrance to the unit behind the shutters (infra red beam). On the evening and morning in question the alarm did go off and police officers attended the scene between 22.00hrs & 23.00hrs. The sensors were damaged at the time of the break in – Images RF2/4, RF2/5, RF2/6 & RF2/7.
13. E2 confirmed that the equipment that was present on the inspection is the norm, Illustrated in RF2/8 & RF2/ and E2 also highlighted items that were in the storage unit where undisrupted and not taken on the burglary including the heavy red lock up boxes,

it was pointed out that they were possibly too heavy to lift over the fence. The key focus for the burglars was the gardening equipment which was located in the steel lock up camouflaged by a timber surround. Image RF2/10

14. Access to the lock up requires a special hex key that is placed in the centre of the door to unlock the deadbolt E2 showed me how to gain access to the lock up, if you are locked inside there is no way out other than the way you got in. Images RF2/11 & RF2/12 demonstrates locking system.
15. Access was gained to the lock up via an access panel that was cut into the side after removing the timber by some form of grinding tool. Image RF2/13 & RF2/14, 3 slots were cut into the panel and then then folded down to create a small opening. The opening was very small allowing 30cm (12 inches) in height due to an internal steel shelf blocking access and measured 34cm (13.4 inches) approx. in length, all 87 stolen products that were taken from the lock up would have to have been placed through the hole. RF2/15, RF2/16, RF2/17, RF2/18, RF2/19, RF2/20, RF2/21, RF2/22 & RF2/23.
16. After reviewing the storage unit E2 then proceeded to show me outside where individuals which were seen on CCTV RF3 were carrying items towards after removing from the unit RF2/25, RF2/26, RF2/27, the presumption was that they were thrown over the fence, E2 also highlighted that one of the caravans have been parked in very close proximity to the fences during the duration of the travellers stay.
17. E2 showed me additional damage that was done to one of the shutters RF2/24 where it shows two grinder marks where someone was attempting to gain access, after reviewing the CCTV there where torches visible in this area at 03.30hrs on 18th October 2021. After completing a full walk around of the yard, I went back to the office with E2 so that CCTV for the incident could be reviewed.
18. VID-202111027-WA0064.mp4 was taken and I will refer to this as RF3, imagery was taken from 21.20hrs on 17th October 21 until 03.30hrs 18th October 2021. At 21.22hrs (RF3) several individuals are spotted carrying tools from the large unit and taking them to the fenced (railings) area at the rear of the unit near the park.
19. The CCTV then highlights individuals breaking into a shutter at the bottom of the yard entry point RF1/1, as soon as the burglars are in, they switch the lights on. At 03.19hrs

you can see vast amounts of equipment being removed and taken to the area which leads to RF2/27 lasting for approximately 10 minutes.

20. Whilst reviewing the CCTV E2 confirmed when I was last on site on 22nd October that a bike had been stolen and the individual can be seen scoping the area out, I went through the CCTV ref RF4 (VID-20211027-WA0063.mp4) with EC and it was evident that the individual strolls onto the premises, he spots the bike, he then continues to check the car door after covering his hand with his sleeve, after that he wanders around further into the yard behind the skip & tractor getting closer to the diesel storage area and then suddenly spots the police who are in the neighbouring area on the encampment site with the environmental health, the individual scarpers half way across the drive then remembers that there is a bike there, he then proceeds to go back and steel the bike. Having spoken to E2 I asked if the bike had been reported stolen and he informed me no as his colleague has another bike but also said "why bother they won't catch anyone for it" At 13.00hrs I left site.

21. I am willing to attend court to give evidence in support of this application.

22. I exhibit marked RF1 a copy of photos taken on Tuesday 22nd October 2021

23. I exhibit marked on RF2 a copy of photos taken on Wednesday 23rd October 2021

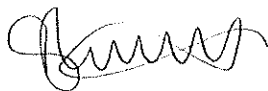
24. I exhibit marked on RF3 a copy of CCTV footage taken on 23rd October corresponding to the incident that took place in the early hours of Monday morning on 18th October 2021.

25. I exhibit marked on RF4 a copy of CCTV footage taken on 23rd October corresponding to the incident that took place on Friday 22nd October 2021 at 09.33hrs

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without honest belief in its truth.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fieldhouse', with a stylized, cursive script.

Richard Fieldhouse

Birmingham City Council

Dated this 29th day of October

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Image 1 – Billesley Park Entrance



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6



Image 7



Image 8



Image 9

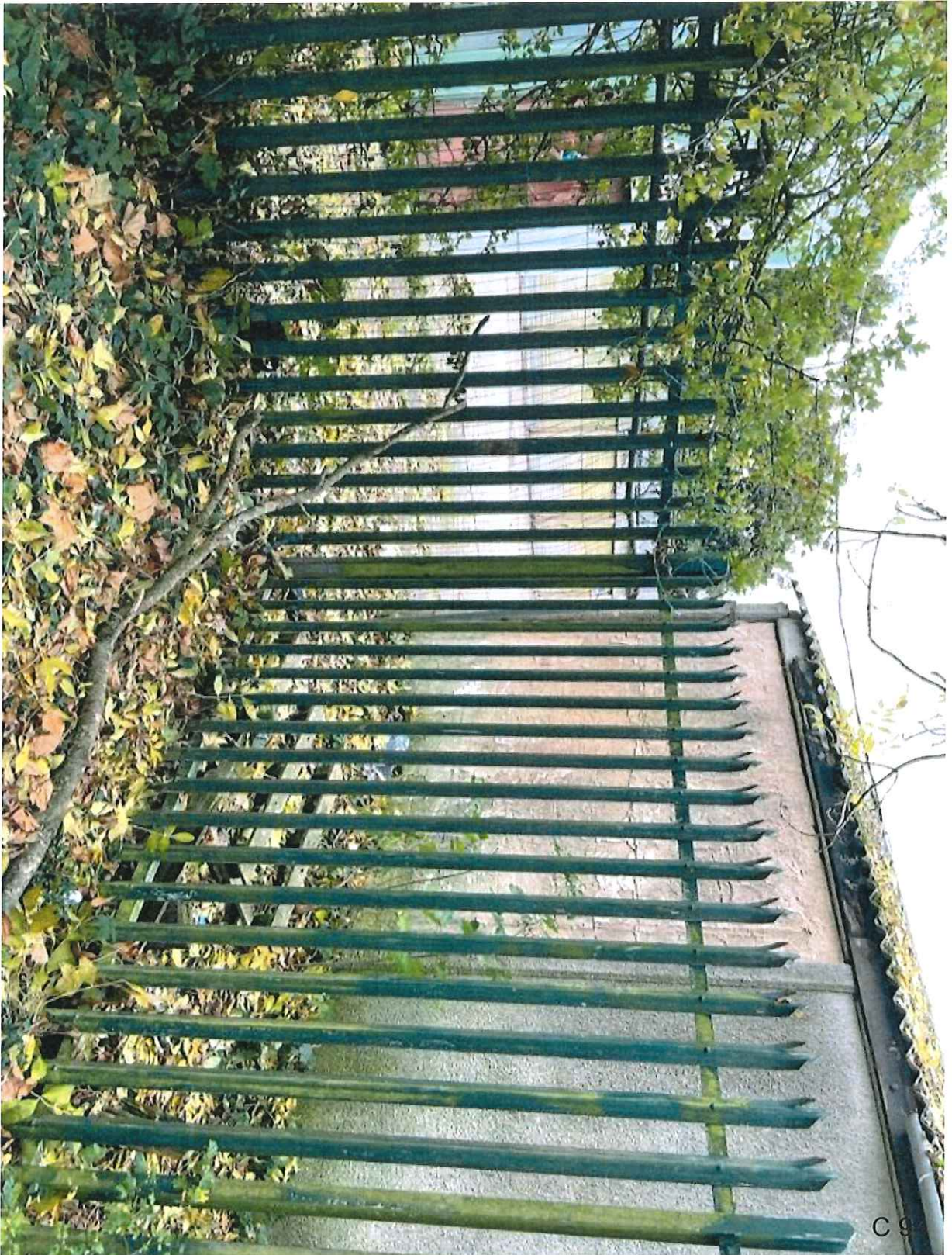


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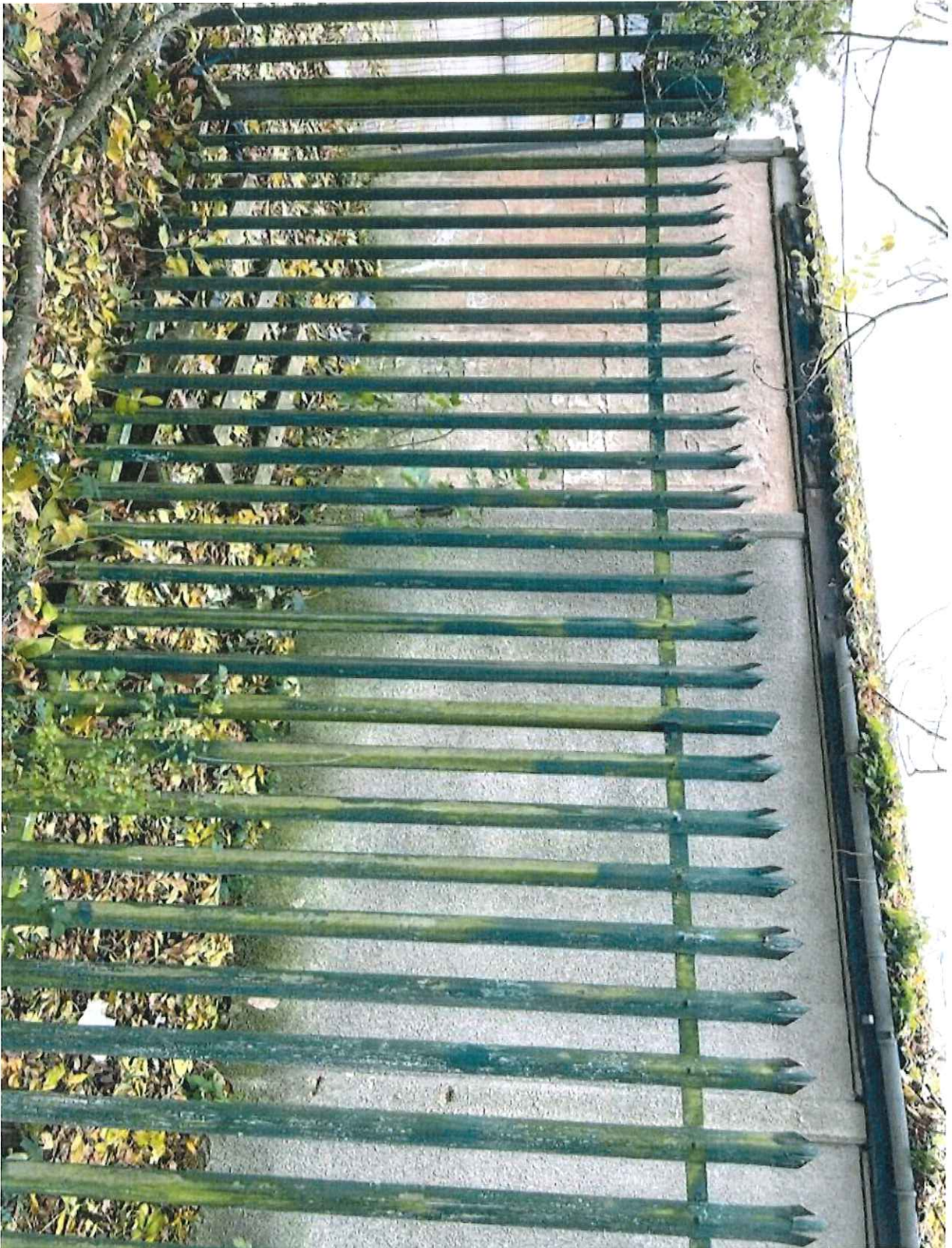


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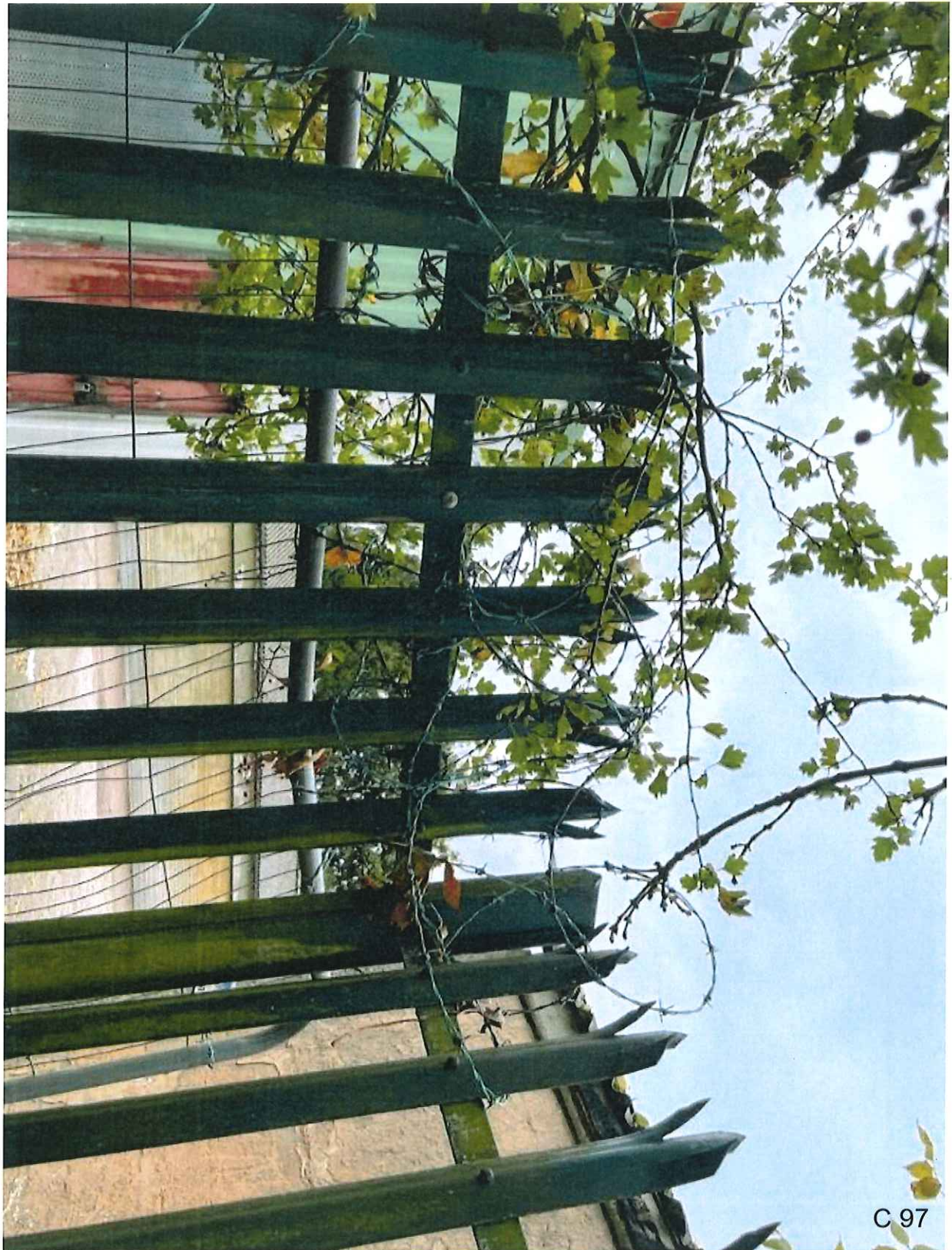


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Image 21



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Image 1- Point of Entry



Image 2- Point of exit – Next to shutter Point of entry

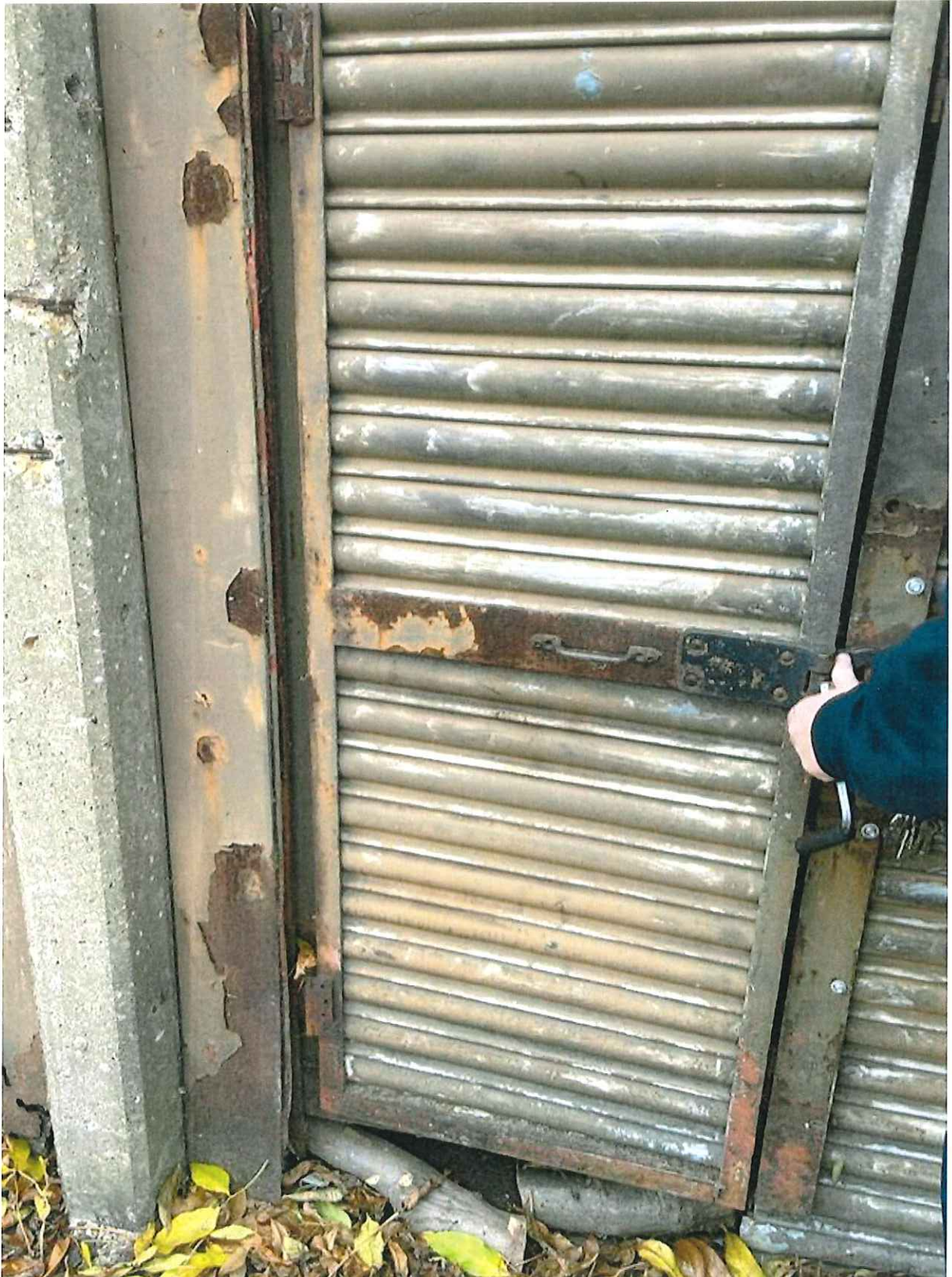


Image 3 - Damaged Motion sensor near shutter – low level

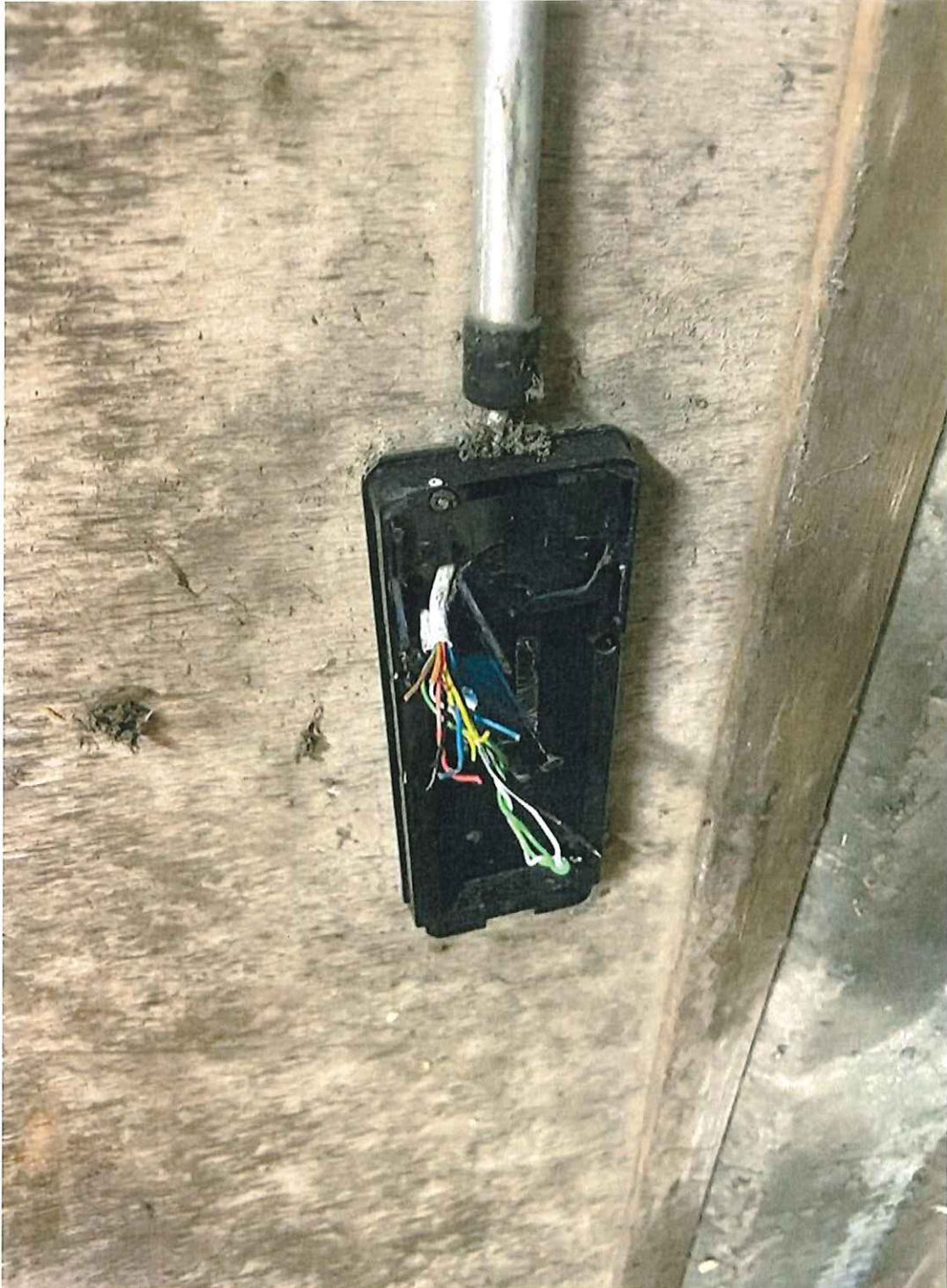


Image 4 - Damaged Motion sensor adjacent to other sensor (completes circuit)



Image 5 - Additional Image of Sensor

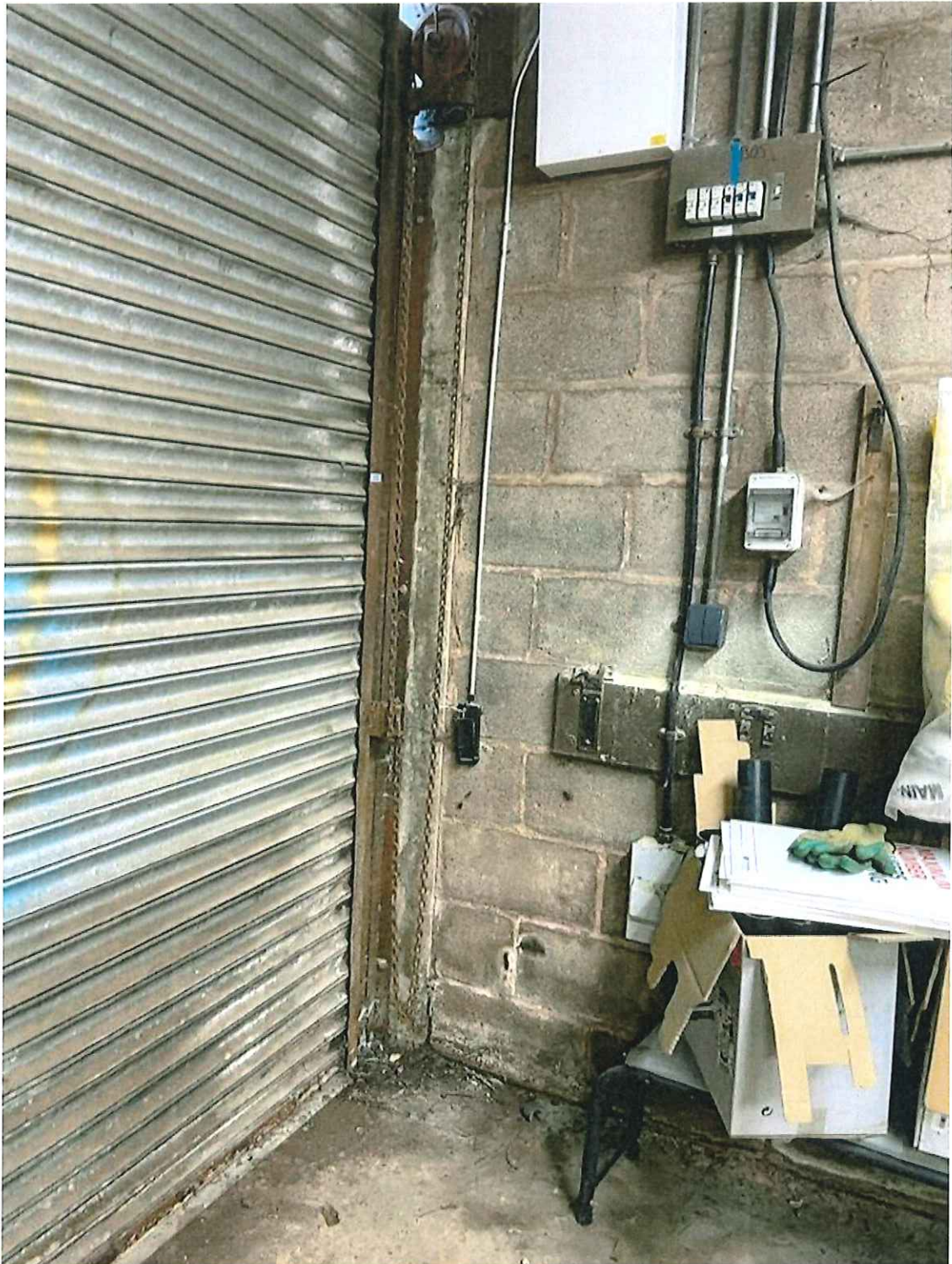


Image 6 - Damaged Alarm Sensor
to lock up room area

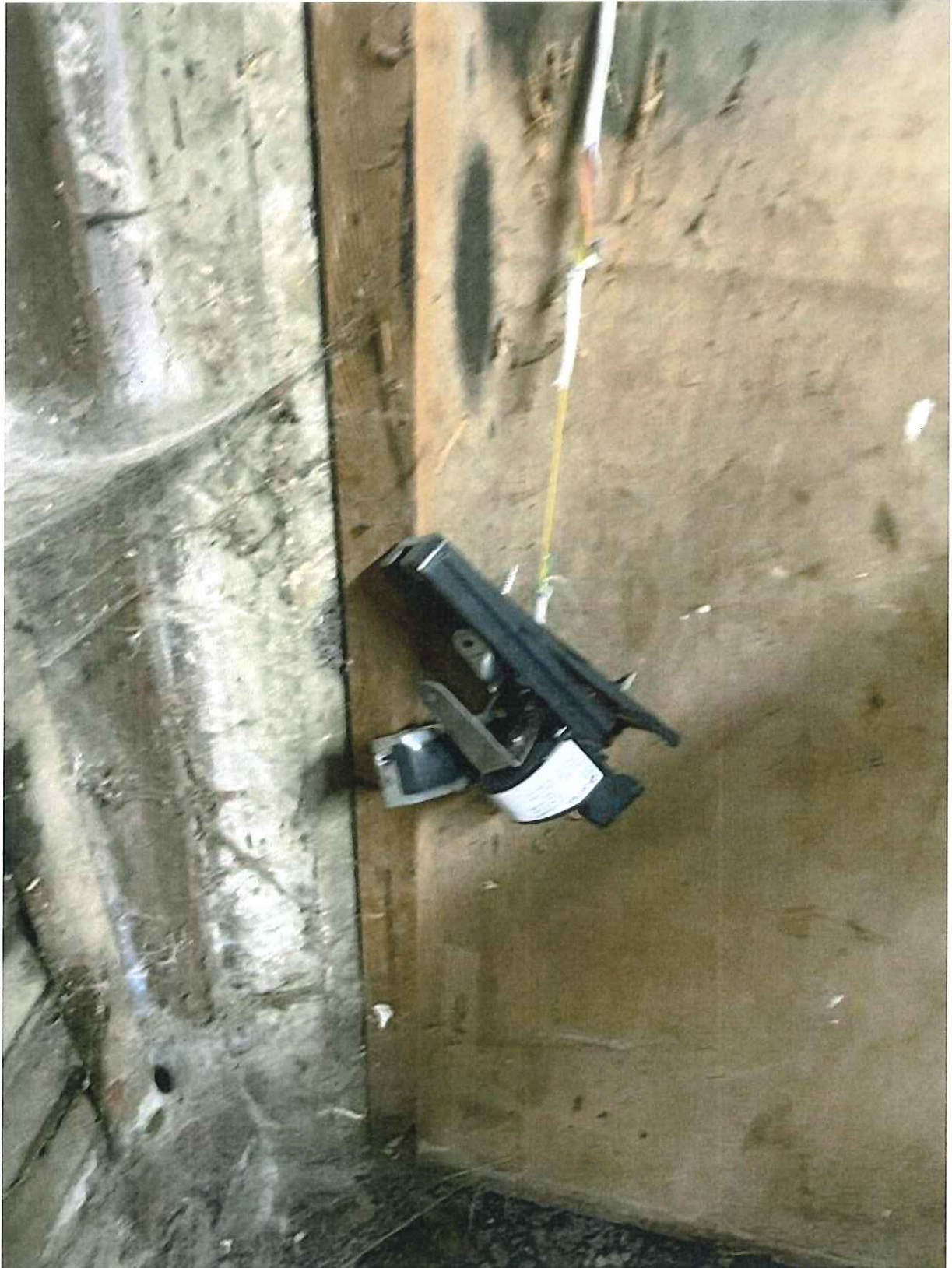


Image 7 - Additional Damaged Alarm Sensor



Image 8 - Additional tools within storage area not taken



Image 9- Equipment – not taken within storage area

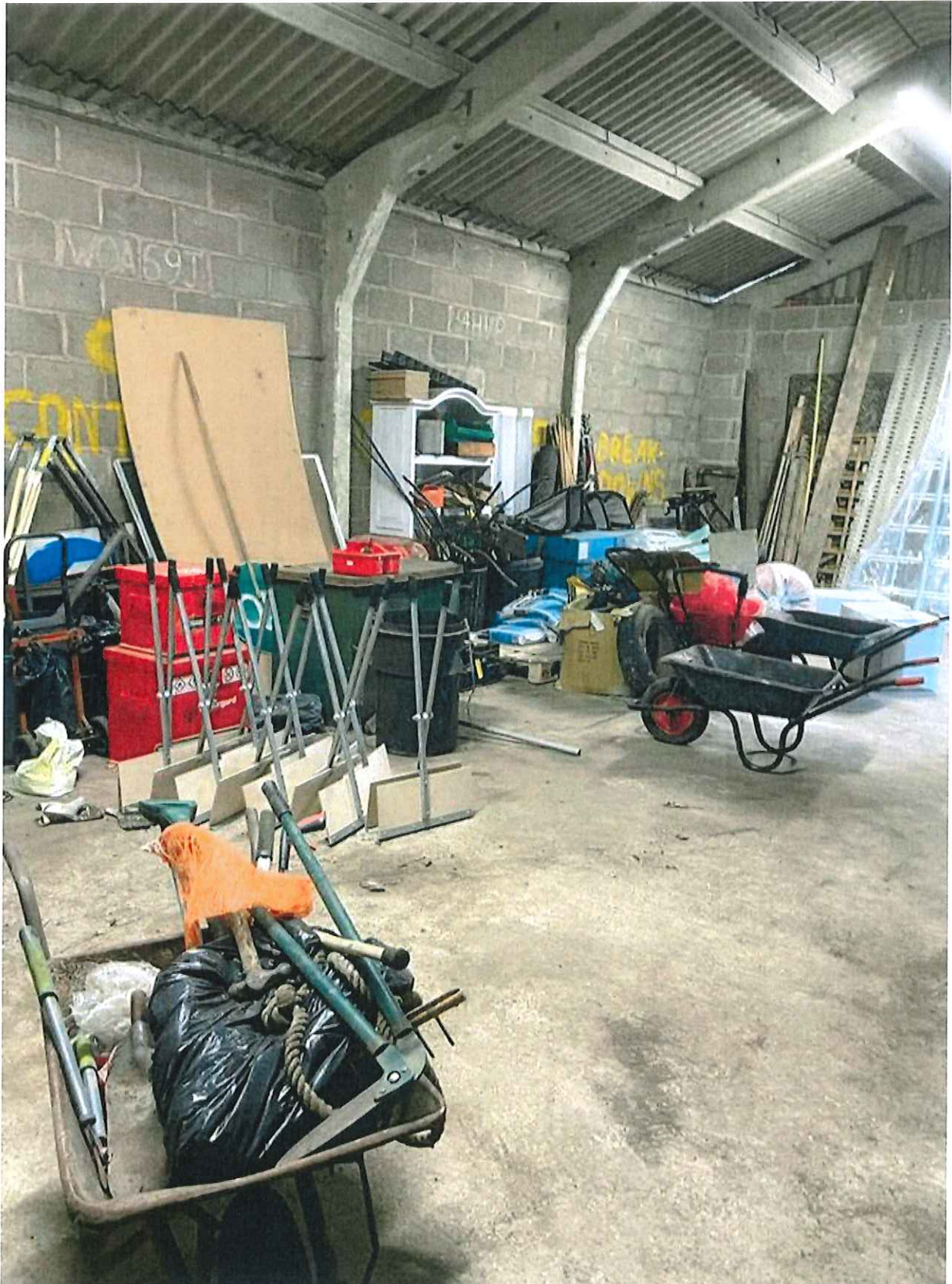


Image 10 - Steel lock up unit – Covered by timber – note whole cut in side Panel – Special hex key required to open



Image 11 - Door Access point to storage container with the hex key



Image 12 - Internal of door, no way of opening from the inside, highlighting that all goods went through the access panel.



Image 13 -Point of entry



Image 14 - External to storage container – timber has been removed and access has been cut with a grinder.



Image 15 - Internal shot of cutting
from Grinder – Internal bar present
reducing the Height of the gap to
approx. 30cm



Image 16 - Additional internal
shot of access panel



Image 17 - Internal measurement
of grinder cutting – approx. 33cm.
Shelf below tape measure



Image 18 - Internal access area demonstrating shelving areas

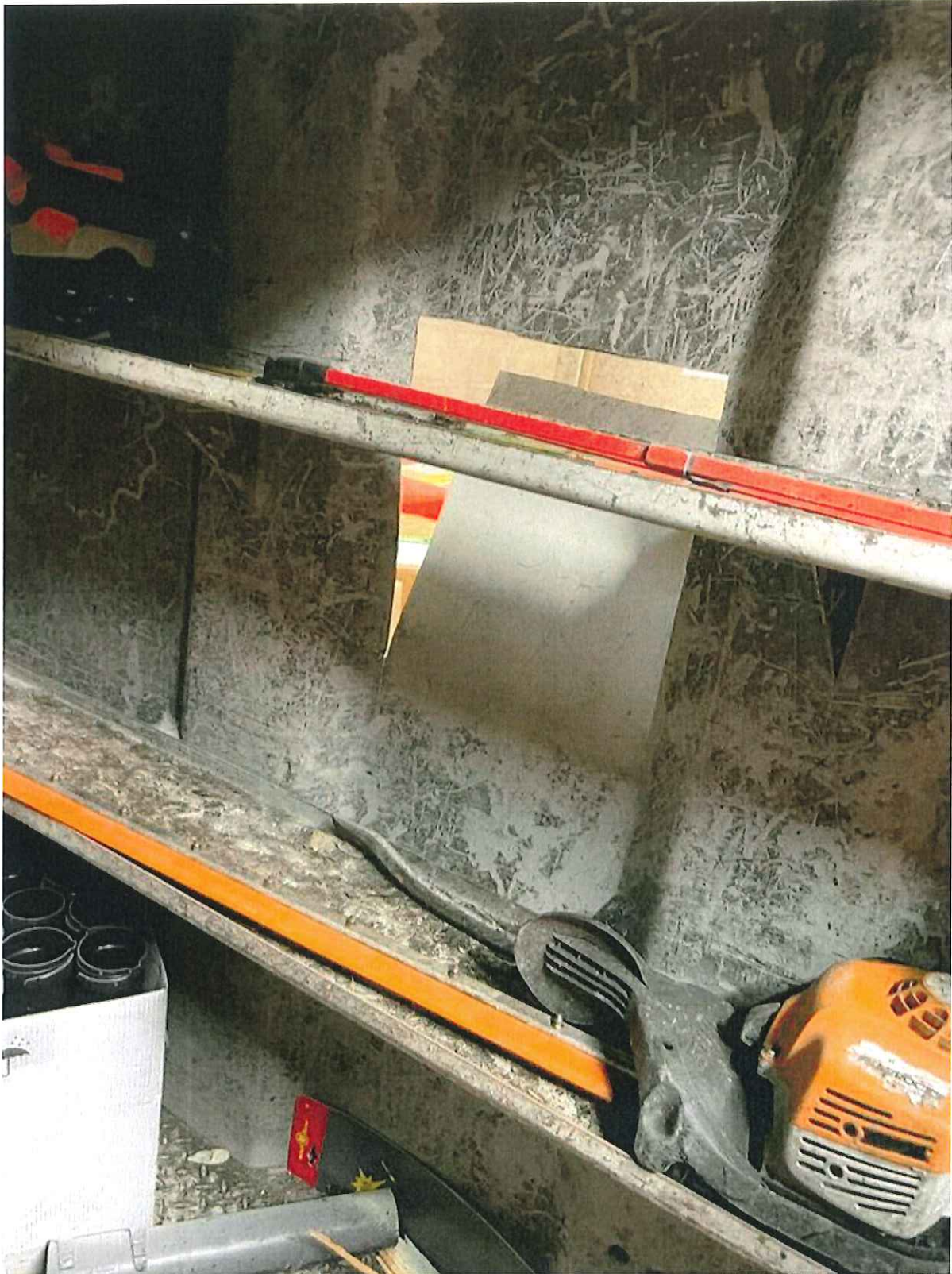


Image 19 - External
measurements – Height cut was
approx. 45cm long however
shelving in way internally

