

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Sefton Council, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

I Superintendent Martin Earl [on behalf of] the chief officer of police for the MERSEYSIDE police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:

**CARADOC HOTEL
275 CROSBY ROAD SOUTH
SEAFORTH
MERSEYSIDE
L21 4LU**

Post town: SEAFORTH

Post code (if known): **L21 4LU.**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): ASCOT PROPERTY GROUP

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 07879455414

3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 [Please read guidance note 1]:

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for

the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

At 01:58 hrs on Saturday 24th February 2024, A call came in to Merseyside Police reporting a group of people at the location fighting with weapons. Two rival gangs were allegedly involved.. It was confirmed that at least one person was on the floor and requiring medical assistance. Person reporting was also suffering with an asthma attack and requested ambulance.

Police have attended and been unable to gain entry to the premises until 02:23 hours as premises was locked up and secure.

Officers eventually gained entry to find a large group of people inside. One male suspect located and arrested for a suspected robbery (unconnected)

DPS, was unable to access CCTV as she does not have the password. She was described as uncooperative, refusing to assist offices in any way.

Officers have made licensing unit aware who have attended the following shift.

CCTV has been viewed by officers which has raised concerns.

There are many blatant clear uses of illicit drugs. Males and females openly snorting cocaine off the back of their hands and clearing up each others faces of white powder.

Many people walking round sucking lollipops which as a licensing officer I believe them to actually be "Mollypops" which is actually ecstasy in lollipop form.

One room seems to be solely set aside for drug use.

Upon eight people with their faces covered attending the premises with various weapons, one with a bar, two with bricks, one with a large bladed knife. The customers are seen to be actively resistant to them and manage to force them out of the premises.

A male who appeared to be innocently drinking at the premises was then attacked with punches and kicks and ended up knocked unconscious and left on the floor and repeatedly stamped on.

This male is subsequently removed to another room, and the area he has bled on is cleared and cleaned by staff. Resulting in zero crime scene preservation.

Upon police attending the premises is locked. Police are shouting and banging at the doors, and the remaining customers either, run round clearing up the evidence of drug use, wiping up the white powder remenants, under the clear instruction from the DPS, or watch the officers struggling to gain entry on the CCTV monitor.

This premises is seriously undermining the licensing objectives especially that of the prevention of crime and disorder.

The suggestion from the initial caller is this is gang related, and as such there may well be further violence in retaliation

The premises is serving well past its licenced hours. Last transaction being 03:25

The exact circumstances of the incident inside and outside the premises are not yet fully known at this moment in time. What is clear, is that there was a serious incident of violence at the premises involving high threat harm and risk. No-one from the management team or staff called the police, no-one called an ambulance, no-one preserved a crime scene and upon gaining entry officers were lied to about the incident.

It has also come to light that that this premises was open beyond its hours and the sale of alcohol had continued in breach of the Premises Licence.

The premises is licensed for the sale of alcohol until 0000hrs each day of the week. This was reported to us just before 2am.

Had this premises closed at the correct time, this incident may never have occurred. We have checked our records and no TEN was in place.

At this moment in time the motive for the disorder and assaults is yet to be established and as such we believe that there is a risk that there will be further acts of retaliation in response to these incidents or that further acts of violence will occur at the premises.

The timescales involved in a standard review would not address the Police concerns in relation to the threat to public safety at these premises quickly enough, given the serious nature of the allegations and any further risk at the location to public safety.

Signature of applicant:

Date: 29/02/24

Capacity: Superintendent

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address:

Constable 3544

Licensing Unit,

**Police Head Quarters - Rose Hill
15 Cazneau Street
Liverpool L3 3AN.**

Telephone number(s): [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Notes for guidance:

1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:

- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.

Serious disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.

ANNEX B

MERSEYSIDE POLICE HEAD QUARTERS
ROSE HILL
15 CAZNEAU STREET
LIVERPOOL
L3 3AN

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime / serious disorder / both serious crime and serious disorder¹.

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Premises licence number (if known): B11076

Name of premises supervisor (if known): [REDACTED]

I am a SUPERINTENDENT³ in the MERSEYSIDE police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because⁴:

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¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

³ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁴ Give a brief description of why other procedures such as a standard review process are thought to be inappropriate, e.g. the degree of seriousness of the crime and/or disorder, the past history of compliance in relation to the premises concerned.

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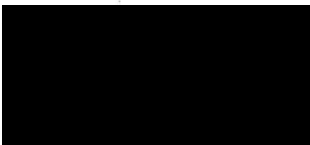
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(Signed)  ,
(Date) 29 / 2 / 24

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