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**CERTIFICATE**  
Under Section 53a(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003

\*Delete as applicable.

**I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime.**

<b>Premises details</b>	
Premises (include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details):	
The Pax Inn, 11 The Village, Thorp Arch, Leeds, LS23 7AR	
I am a (insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above):	Superintendent
in the West Yorkshire Police Force.	

**Optional**

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

(Give 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).

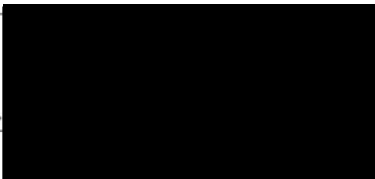
On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 23:00, A serious assault took place which was committed by the Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor Dane Smith.

The victim and his friends were in the premises that day consuming alcohol leading up to this offence. They are 17 years old which constitutes a serious breach of the licensing objectives to protect children from harm. Selling children alcohol is in itself an offence under the licensing act.

Dane Smith confronted the victim and his friends after discovering a pool cue had been snapped. During the conversation, Smith is described to have "snapped" and hit the victim with the snapped pool cue causing a gash to the victims eye brow around 20mm wide and 10-15mm deep. This required hospital treatment. This has been classified as a section 18 assault which is a serious offence.

Dane Smith was interviewed and fully admitted the offence and offered no defence to his actions. He states he is struggling with mental health issues and is under too much pressure and stress to cope.

We have serious concerns that there maybe further acts of violence by the Premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor Dane Smith if he is allowed to remain in place. Given the severity of the incident, it is necessary to seek to revoke the licence immediately given Smith is both the licence holder and premises supervisor. Lesser measures would put the public at risk, risk further serious violence and put children at risk of harm.

Signed:.....		Supt D. Wood	Date:.....	21/05/24
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