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APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

Application for the review of a Premises Licence under
Section 53a of the Licensing Act 2003

(Premises associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both)

Insert name and address of relevant Licensing Authority and its reference number (optional):

Leeds City Council, Entertainment Licensing Section, Civic Hall, Leeds. LS1 1UR

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 this 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.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I, PC [REDACTED] Andy CLIFFORD
(on behalf of) the Chief Officer of Police for the West Yorkshire Police area apply for the review of a premises licence under Section 53a of the Licensing Act 2003.

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, Ordnance Survey map reference or description:

Beaver Works 36 Whitehouse Street Hunslet

Town/City: Leeds

Postcode: LS10 1AD

Part 2 – Premises licence details

Name of premises licence holder (if known):

Graham HIGGINS

Number of premises licence (if known): PREM/02803/005

Part 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/her opinion the above premises associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application. (Please 'check' the box to confirm)



Part 4 – Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both (please read Guidance note 2)

On 9th December 2023 Beaver Works were holding a Casa Loco baseline event which began early, sometime from 18:00hrs.

At approximately 21:00hrs a fight broke out inside the venue involving several males. Door staff then intervened at which point a doorman was assaulted and sustained a severe injury to the inside of his lip which required hospital treatment.

On 10th December 2023 in the early hours of the morning a male presented at Leeds General Infirmary with an injury consistent with a stab wound to his back and a slash wound to his arm.

The victim in this case stated that he was in the venue with his friends and was able to purchase alcohol. During the event his friend was assaulted by another male, at which point he attempted to break it up. The victim stated that at this point he was assaulted numerous times. The victim then left in order to avoid further issues and caught a taxi to his friend's house. At this point his friend has noticed the victims clothing soaked in blood. It is at this point the victim has realised he has a puncture wound to his back and began feeling faint. The victim then attended the LGI where he received treatment for his injuries.

I believe this incident is linked to the same one whereby the doorman was assaulted.

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The victim in this case is a child at 16 years old. The friends he was in attendance with at the venue were also 16 years old. The victim also stated that he was aware of roughly 50 people present inside the venue at the time who were all underage.


Baseline events are notoriously difficult events and are frequently associated with crime and disorder. The fact that a child was able to gain entry to this event, purchase alcohol and then become involved in an altercation where he was stabbed is deeply concerning.

It is my view that the protection of children from harm is by far the most important licensing objective to uphold and should be one of the easiest to achieve but the venue has fallen far below upholding the objective.

This incident alone demonstrates serious crime and disorder being linked to the premises. As such West Yorkshire Police are concerned that while these premises are open and operating, that public safety cannot be maintained and would ask the Licensing Sub-Committee consider immediate suspension of the premises licence until the Review proper.

Signature of applicant:  Date: 13/12/2023
Capacity: Police Licensing Officer

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address: Licensing Dept, Elland Road Police Station, Elland Road, Leeds, LS11 8BU
Telephone numbers: 
E-mail address: 

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 18 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.