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Application for a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

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 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/We ...Sarah Blenkhorn..... (insert name(s) of applicant) apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51/apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Local 4 Market Place Pudsey	
Post town Leeds	Post code LS28 7UA

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Syed Jabbar Ahmed
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) PREM/00906/003

Part 2 – Applicant details

- I am
- Please tick ✓ yes
- 1 An individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)
 - 2 A responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3 A member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname First names

I am 18 years old or over Please tick ✓ Yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post Town Postcode

Daytime contact telephone number

Email address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name
Address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name Sarah Blenkhorn
Address Leeds District Licensing Department West Yorkshire Police Leeds District HQ Elland Road Leeds LS11 8BU
Telephone number (if any) ([REDACTED]
E-mail (optional) [REDACTED]

This application to review relates to the following licensing objectives(s)

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

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| 1. | the prevention of crime and disorder | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | public safety | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | the prevention of public nuisance | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | the protection of children from harm | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

Pudsey Local has been of interest to West Yorkshire Police for a number of years. Over the last few years, West Yorkshire Police have received many reports relating to this venue selling alcohol and e-cigarettes to local children.

Test Purchases have been carried out by both West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Trading standards however unfortunately these have failed each time. The premises licence holder (PLH) / Designated Supervisor (DPS) only sells to the local children he knows and it is our understanding that code words are used so that he knows they are not test purchase volunteers. It is very well known in the local area that if minors wish to get hold of alcohol or e-cigarettes then these premises are the place to get it.

The blatant disregard for the well-being of children is appalling and the PLH is clearly not upholding the licensing objective "The Protection of children from harm". Indeed, the PLH is not only not protecting them but in fact directly and purposefully causing them harm which could lead the child into a multitude of very harmful circumstances to include:-

Violent episodes
risk taking behaviour

lowering of inhibitions leading to inappropriate sexual behaviour
non school attendance
seeking medical treatment
harm to brain development and cognitive reasoning

Due to the large increasing number of reports from appalled local parents, Councillors and from information being passed to the Police and Trading Standards, West Yorkshire Police feel there is no other option than to apply for a review of the premises licence to stop this atrocious activity.

The premises has been spoken to number of times about serving to minors. Every single time it is denied by the PLH. There are no CCTV conditions on the licence which can be enforced which would assist the police in securing evidence of this kind. It is believed that the shop does have CCTV but the owner has not been forthcoming when asked to show it to the Police. This has happened not only in relation to underage sales but in relation to crimes that have occurred that are linked to the premises. Therefore, the PLH is not upholding the "the prevention of crime and disorder" objective.

Not only have the Police repeatedly informed the PLH that he must not sell to children, Trading Standards have had multiple complaints and sent letters to the premises. Also, parents of the local children who have been sold alcohol and e cigarettes have also approached him to tell him to stop selling these dangerous items to their children. Still, he ignores all warnings and continues to sell to vulnerable children, putting them at risk each time without any thought or care for their well-being or safety or without any respect for his premises licence and the law.

Clearly the PLH is not fit to hold the licence for this premises and therefore the only option available to a sub-committee of the Licensing Authority, when presiding over a review, is to revoke the premises licence where the PLH is not deemed suitable.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

West Yorkshire Police have produced a chronology table of incidents connected to the premises. This table contains 40 pieces of information relating to the premises spanning from 11/6/2019 to 20/5/22. Of these 40 records , 27 refer to the shop selling alcohol and/ or e cigarettes to children. The premises has been spoken to on multiple occasions by local police. PS Rachel Smith details in her statement her involvement and knowledge of the premises as local Police officer dealing with the shop over the last few years.

Police Licensing spoke to PLH with regards to selling alcohol / e cigarettes to children on 15/1/21 and 27/10/21. Test Purchase carried out 24/3/22 The sale was refused but the premises were still spoken to afterwards spoken to afterwards about sales of alcohol / e cigarettes to children.

Trading Standards have submitted their own premises history document which details 26 pieces of information relating to the premises spanning the period from 28/3/19 - 27/5/22. The document does show a further 5 entries relating to 2017 but the premises at this time was owned by someone else. Out of the 26 pieces of information between 2019 – 2022, 16 relate directly to complaints that the premises are selling alcohol / e cigarettes to children. Test Purchases were carried out by trading standards on 24/8/2019, 23/10/21 and 21/4/22. Sales were refused each time. Trading Standards have also sent letters to the premises to warn about their conduct regarding sales of alcohol, e cigarettes and the sale of single cigarettes on 28/3/19, 3/3/20, 30/4/21, 24/11/21 and 3/3/22.

Had lockdown not been in place, it is thought there would be many more reports of a similar nature.

One would think that in light of how many times the premises had been accused of selling alcohol and cigarettes to children that at least the PLH would stop for a while to let the dust settle. Clearly this is not the case according to the continuous influx of reports not just to the Police but to Trading Standards also. Such a brazen, dangerous and devious attitude towards the protection of children from harm, should no longer be tolerated.

Premises Licence Review for The Local, 4 Market Place, Pudsey LS28 7UA includes:-

1. STATEMENT OF SARAH BLENKHORN, WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE LICENSING DEPARTMENT INCLUDING EXHIBITS SMB1, 2, 3
2. STATEMENT OF PS RACHEL SMITH, WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM FOR LEEDS OUTER WEST.
3. STATEMENT OF DAVID PARKER, WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE LICENSING DEPARTMENT
4. STATEMENT OF PAUL RIX, LEEDS CITY COUNCIL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING SECTION
5. STATEMENT OF LUCY NORTON, TRADING STANDARDS INCLUDING EXHIBITS LCN 1, 2, 3
6. STATEMENT OF PARENT 1
7. STATEMENT OF PARENT 2
8. STATEMENT OF PARENT 3



Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?

Please tick ✓ yes

If yes please state the date of that application

Day		Month		Year	

If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓ Yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (See guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature ... 

Date28.7.22.....
...

Capacity Licensing Officer...
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Contact Name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
Post town	Post code
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.

6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.