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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, Sarah Blenkhorn

(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:

New Middleton Club
4 Thorpe Street

Town/City: Leeds

Postcode: LS104HD

Part 2 – Premises licence details

Name of premises licence holder (if known):

Tanya Clowes

Number of premises licence (if known): PREM/04943/001

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 19th May 2024 at approximately 0050 hrs, a large-scale disorder occurred at the New Middleton club involving a number of youths, grown males and females. The incident was captured on Leeds Watch and shows older children on push bikes and scooters riding up and down the street outside the venue as a crowd of approximately 30 people exit the premises where multiple fights ensue in the street and at the entrance to the property. At approximately 0053 hours, a male is seen walking across the road towards the venue carrying something heavy in his hand. He approaches the crowd and proceeds to hit someone around the head with the item (believed to be a gas cannister). This has caused multiple serious injuries including a bleed on the brain, a broken cheek bone and other facial injuries to the victim, a male who had been trying to break up one of the fights.

Police found at the scene; pools of blood, a broken Budweiser bottle with its contents visibly spilled on the path, a sledgehammer in the men's toilets; a tea towel covered in blood and a pink balloon cannister. The car park was littered with numerous other gas cannisters and balloons according to an Officer at the scene.

The premises licence for the New Middleton states the opening hours are everyday between 1100-2330 hrs. Therefore, this incident occurred whilst they were open beyond their permitted hours. Entertainment Licensing have confirmed that no Temporary Event Notice had been applied for and therefore the venue was operating without any authorisation in place.

Historically this venue had its premises licence reviewed in 2020 by Leeds City Council when Julie Jackson was running the venue. West Yorkshire Police supported the Council's review. The licence was revoked at this time

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due to anti-social behaviour, assault, disorder involving multiple people, unruly children and serving beyond permitted hours alongside a high number of continuous breaches of the premises licence.

In 2022 a new licence was applied for by Tanya Clowes and was granted despite representations by West Yorkshire Police.

When the police attended this incident on 19th May, Tanya Clowes, stated to the Officer that [REDACTED] ran the pub. At the hearing in 2022, a condition was put on the licence that David Jackson (now deceased) was to not be involved with the pub. It is believed that [REDACTED] The Jackson family had no regard for their premises licence back in 2020 and seems that nothing has changed since that time despite revocation and supposedly "new" management in place in 2022. They own the building itself.

The incident on the 19th May alone demonstrates serious crime and disorder being linked to the premises. West Yorkshire Police have concerns that whilst these premises are open and operating, public safety cannot be maintained, children cannot be protected and there are fear of reprisals due to the people involved in the disorder all being local to the area.

In addition to the above and with both the Leeds United Playoffs and the Bank Holiday this coming weekend West Yorkshire Police ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider immediate suspension of the premises licence until the review proper.

Signature of applicant: [REDACTED] Date:22/5/24.....
Capacity: Police Licencing Officer

Contact details for matters concerning this application:
Address: Leeds District Licensing Department, West Yorkshire Police, Leeds District HQ, Elland Road, Leeds LS11 8BU
Telephone numbers: [REDACTED]
E-mail address: [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 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.

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