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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.

Premises details
Premises (include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details):
The Cock Beck, Pendas Way Stanks Leeds LS15 8LA
I am a (insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above): <i>D. Superintendent</i>
<i>in the West Yorkshire Police Force.</i>

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).

There have been a spate of serious incidents of violence linked to this premises in a short period of time. West Yorkshire Police are concerned that further incidents may occur, and believe immediate steps are needed to protect public safety and prevent crime and disorder

On Monday the 18th November at 20:33, West Yorkshire Police received reports of a large fight outside the premises with weapons including knives and baseball bats. It transpired a male involved had been hit with a vehicle. The circumstances are that a female has attended the pub in a vehicle and parked in the car park, colliding with another vehicle parked in the car park. She enters the pub and asks for a drink but is refused due to being intoxicated and the collision. She makes threats to return and does so with two males in the car and another male attends on a motorbike with weapons. Baseball bats and a knife were seen. Two customers in the pub go out of the pub to confront the group, taking pool cues with them. A fight ensues and one male is hit by a vehicle. Officers attend and make a number of arrests of those involved, including the two males from inside the pub. One was found in possession of a bag of white powder believed to be cocaine and arrested for the drugs offence. A knife was located in the area following the incident backing up the initial account that knives were involved. An attending officer has since stated that the male with cocaine from inside the pub seems to have been welcomed back to the pub and that he had white powder all over his nose when arrested, making it clearly obvious he had been on drugs.

On Friday the 29th November at 21:38, The manager [REDACTED] reported a "massive brawl" outside the pub involving approximately 20 people with bottles and glasses being thrown. During the call, the call taker noted females could be heard telling [REDACTED] to "put the phone down" Other calls were received reporting the same. The circumstances are that a male enters the pub enters the premises and becomes involved in a dispute with groups inside the pub. He is escorted from the pub to the entrance by [REDACTED]. Males from inside the pub follow and a fight ensues involving several people. [REDACTED] tries to separate the group. The initial male that entered the pub leaves, then returns a short time later picks up a glass. Staff intervene and the fight restarts, moving into the car park where a male can be seen getting hit with an object believed to be a glass. There is a recording showing widespread fighting on the street involving a number of males. The attending officer describes that although the initial male attending was the instigator, the males involved were all responsible and played a part in the fight.

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██████████ provided a statement but expressed concern to officers about supporting a prosecution for affray against customers in the pub that had retaliated. She also stated they were happy to have the individuals involved in the fight who were inside back in the pub if they promised to behave. This was confirmed by PC Haywood conversations with Area Manager ██████████. When asked who had been banned, 3 names were given but this did not include the names of the customers in the pub who were involved.

At just after midnight on Saturday 7th December 2024, there was a further incident involving the male who had previously entered the pub on the 29th November. This male entered the car park of the Cock Beck and proceeded to drive at a female stood in the car park of the Cock Beck in what is believed to be a deliberate act causing serious injuries. This has been classified as an attempted murder.

This sits against a backdrop of complaints to both West Yorkshire Police and other agencies including LCC Environmental Team about abusive behaviour, disorder and noise at the premises and local residents feeling in fear about what is going on at this premises.

There are repeated serious incidents at this pub in a short period of time, and West Yorkshire Police are concerned about public safety and crime and disorder continuing at this premises. It is a concern that the pub appears to be the hub of serious incidents involving those visiting the premises, but also patrons of the premises. West Yorkshire Police submit this review to ask the licensing committee to consider suspending the licence initially whilst professional agencies and operators can discuss if there are suitable measures that can be put in place to mitigate the risks of further violence.

Signed:	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 30px; display: inline-block;"></div>	Date: 11/12/24.....
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