



Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Panel

Date: Thursday, 8 August 2019

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber - Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Membership of the Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Panel

Councillors - Grimshaw (Chair), Evans and Flanagan

Agenda

1. Urgent Business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4. Application for Summary Review - Bliss Bar, 19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN

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The report of the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing is enclosed.

Information about the Committee

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**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing Panel – 8 August 2019

Subject: Bliss Club, Albion Wharf, 19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN

Report of: Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing

Summary

Interim Steps hearing for Summary Review of the premises licence under s53B of the Licensing Act 2003

Recommendations

The Sub-Committee must take such of the steps under section 53(B) of the Licensing Act 2003 (if any), that it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:

1. To modify the conditions of the licence;
2. To exclude any of the licensable activities from the licence;
3. To remove the designated premises supervisor;
4. To suspend the licence

The conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added. Modification of the conditions of the premises licence can include altering or modifying existing conditions or adding any new conditions, including those that restrict the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place. Where the Sub-Committee consider that none of the above steps are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, no action should be taken in respect of the licence.

Wards Affected: Deansgate

Manchester Strategy Outcomes	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable City: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Licensed premises provide a key role as an employer, in regeneration, and in attracting people to the city. The efficient processing of applications as well as effective decision making in respect of them, plays an essential role in enabling businesses to thrive and maximise contribution to the economy of the region and sub-region.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	An effective Licensing regime will enable growth in our City by supporting businesses who promote the Licensing Objectives.

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	The Licensing process provides for local residents and other interested parties to make representations in relation to licensing applications. Representations have to be directly related to the licensing objectives.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit and work.	An effective licensing system supports and enables growth and employment in our City with neighbourhoods that provide amenities suitable to the surrounding communities.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

Equal Opportunities Policy
Risk Management
Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue - None

Financial Consequences – Capital - None

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

Manchester City Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 - 2021
Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, April 2018
Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005
Any further documentary submissions by any party to the hearing

1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 On 6 August 2019, an application was made by Greater Manchester Police under s53A of the Licensing Act 2003 for a Summary Review of the Premises Licence for Bliss Club, Albion Wharf, 19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN in the Deansgate ward of Manchester. A location map and photograph of the premises is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.2 Summary reviews can be undertaken when the police consider that the premises concerned are associated with serious crime or serious disorder (or both). The summary review process allows interim conditions to be quickly attached to a licence and a fast track licence review.
- 1.3 A 10 working-day public consultation exercise will be undertaken in accordance with Licensing Act 2003 regulations; requiring the application to be advertised by the displaying of a blue notice at or on the premises and details of the application published on the Council's website.
- 1.4 Under section 53C of the Licensing Act 2003, the licensing authority must hold a full review of the premises licence and determine the review within 28 days after the day of receipt of the application.
- 1.5 Following the review under section 53C, the licensing authority must then review the interim steps in place and determine whether it is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives for the steps to remain in place, or if they should be modified or withdrawn.

2. **The Application**

- 2.1 A copy of the application is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.2 An application for the summary review of premises licence number 198158 under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 was submitted by Greater Manchester Police on 6 August 2019. The grounds of the application for review are that in the opinion of a senior police officer the premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both.
- 2.3 **Interim Steps pending the review**
 - 2.3.1 Within 48 hours of receiving a summary review application, under s53B of the Licensing Act 2003 the licensing authority must consider whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending the review of the licence for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
 - 2.3.2 The premises licence holder may make representations against the interim steps taken by the licensing authority. Under s53B of the Licensing Act 2003 the licensing authority must within 48 hours of the time of its receipt of the representations, hold a hearing to consider those representations.
 - 2.3.3 On the date of the review hearing, the licensing authority will be required to review any interim steps that are in place and consider whether it is

appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives for the steps to remain in place, or if they should be modified or withdrawn.

3. Current Premises Licence

- 3.1 A copy of the current licence is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 3.2 The premises licence holder is Realand Ltd and has held the licence since 30/05/2019.
- 3.3 The designated premises supervisor is Mr Piotr Pawel Mitrega who has held this position since 11/07/2017.
- 3.4 The licensable activities permitted by the licence are:

Supply of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises:

Sunday to Thursday 12 midday to 12 midnight; Friday to Saturday 12 midday to 4am

Provision of regulated entertainment (Exhibition of films; Live music; Recorded music)

Sunday to Thursday 12 midday to 12 midnight; Friday to Saturday 12 midday to 4am

Provision of late night refreshment

Sunday to Thursday 11pm to 12 midnight; Friday to Saturday 11pm to 4am

4. Key Policies and Considerations

4.1 Legal Considerations

- 4.1.1 Hearings under the Licensing Act 2003 operate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

4.2 New Information

- 4.2.1 In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.

4.3 Hearsay Evidence

- 4.3.1 The Panel may accept hearsay evidence and it will be a matter for the Panel to attach what weight to it that they consider appropriate. Hearsay evidence is evidence of something that a witness neither saw nor heard, but has heard or read about.

4.4 The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003

- 4.4.1 The Secretary of State's Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 is provided to licensing authorities in relation to the carrying out of their functions under the 2003 Act. It also provides information to magistrates' courts hearing appeals against licensing decisions and has been made widely available for the benefit of those who run licensed premises, their legal advisers and the general public. It is a key medium for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application of licensing powers across England and Wales and for promoting fairness, equal treatment and proportionality.
- 4.4.2 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. The Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, the Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons.
- 4.4.3 Departure from the Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

4.5 **Manchester Statement of Licensing Policy**

- 4.5.1 Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' its statement of licensing policy.
- 4.5.2 The Licensing Policy sets out the vision the licensing authority has for the regulation of licensed premises throughout Manchester and outlines the standards expected in order to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives in the city. The Panel may depart from the policies should it consider doing so would benefit the promotion of the licensing objectives. Reasons are to be given for any such departure from the Policy.
- 4.5.3 There are a number of references in the Policy to the licensing authority's expectations of applicants. The licensing authority will not apply the Policy rigidly, but will always have regard to the merits of the case with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.
- 4.5.4 Relevant to this application, the Panel are recommended to have regard to the following sections of the Policy:

Section 6: What we aim to encourage

This section identifies certain types of venues and initiatives the licensing authority aims to encourage in order to promote an inclusive evening and night-time economy not simply focused on the consumption of alcohol. We aim to encourage:

- Premises that will extend the diversity of entertainment and attract a wider range of participants

- Live music, especially original material, which will provide a range of live performances and styles of music, provided that such entertainment does not undermine the licensing objectives
- National cultural institutions, global sports events and cultural festivals
- Non-drink-led premises, including restaurants, cafes, theatres and cinemas
- Communication and integration with local residents and businesses through licensees consulting with those in the local area prior to an application
- Participation in Pubwatches, off licence forums and other crime-reduction partnerships
- Engagement with the NITENET radio scheme and DISC secure information sharing platform by city centre venues through the Cityco Manchester Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Designing out crime in the layout of the premises

Section 7: Local factors

This section sets out key issues that applicants are expected to take into account relevant to the individual characteristics of the premises and address any local factors relevant to their premises.

Having regard to this application, the Panel are recommended to have regard to the following Factors:

- Identified risk factors specific to the licensed premises
- Evidence of pre-existing problems in the area
- Consistency with relevant Council strategies

Section 8: Manchester's standards to promote the licensing objectives

This section identifies the standards that the licensing authority expects of licensed premises in Manchester. It is recognised that not all standards will be appropriate to apply in every situation to every premises. The degree to which standards would be appropriate is expected to be proportionate to the risk posed against the promotion of the licensing objectives having regard to the individual circumstances of the premises. The standards are not exhaustive and the licensing authority will have regard to any relevant issues raised in any representation that may fall outside them.

MS1 Implement effective security measures at the premises

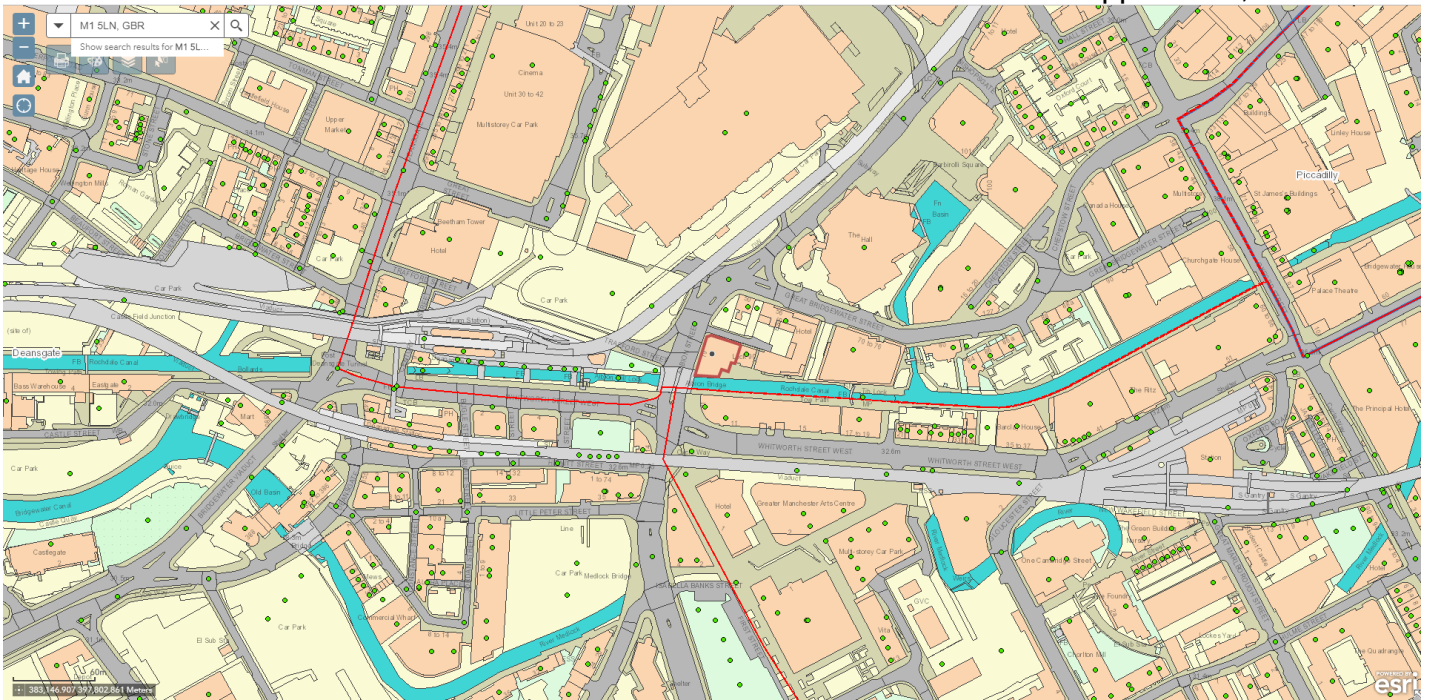
MS2 Effective general management of the premises

- MS3 Responsible promotion and sale of alcohol
- MS6 Provide a Duty of Care for intoxicated or vulnerable customers and medical emergencies
- MS9 Effectively manage exterior spaces (eg beer gardens, smoking areas, table and chair areas on the highway)

5. **Conclusion**

- 5.1 A licensing authority must carry out its functions under this Act (“licensing functions”) with a view to promoting the licensing objectives:
- the prevention of crime and disorder
 - public safety;
 - the prevention of public nuisance; and
 - the protection of children from harm.
- 5.2 In reaching the decision, regard must be had to relevant provisions of the national guidance and the Council’s licensing policy statement.
- 5.3 The Panel must consider what steps are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 5.4 In making its decision with regard to this interim steps hearing, the steps the Panel can take are:
- a) To modify the conditions of the licence;
 - b) To exclude any of the licensable activities from the licence;
 - c) To remove the designated premises supervisor;
 - d) To suspend the licence
- 5.5 The conditions of the licence, with the exception of mandatory conditions in Appendix 1 of the licence, may be modified to alter or omit any of them or to add any new condition, including restricting the times at which licensable activities authorised by the licence can take place.
- 5.6 All licensing determinations should be considered on the individual merits of the application.
- 5.7 The Panel’s determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve. Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

- 5.8 It is important that a licensing authority should give comprehensive reasons for its decisions in anticipation of any appeals. Failure to give adequate reasons could itself give rise to grounds for an appeal.
- 5.9 **The Panel is asked to determine what steps, as set out in 5.4 above, are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.**



Bliss Club
Albion Wharf, 19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN

Premises Licensing
Manchester City Council

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PREMISE NAME: Bliss Club

PREMISE ADDRESS: Albion Wharf, 19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN

WARD: Deansgate

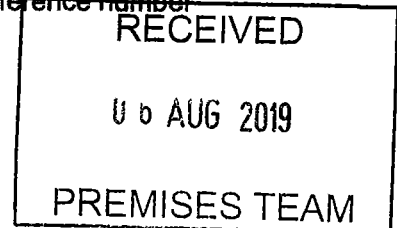
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ANNEX C

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Manchester City Council



Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

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 the 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.**

I Alan Isherwood [on behalf of] the chief officer of police for the Greater Manchester police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:

**Bliss Club
19Albion Wharf**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M1 5LN**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Realand Ltd

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 10615157

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 opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm) ☒

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

The standard review of the premises licence under section 51 Licensing Act 2003 is inappropriate due to length of time a standard review would take, there are serious concerns as to the extreme violence which has occurred at the premises and the clientele frequenting the premises.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) will say that the premises are associated with Serious Crime and Serious Disorder. Therefore due to the Serious Crime and Serious Disorder which has taken place at the premises GMP feel that it is necessary for an expedited review to take place.

Serious crime is defined within the statutory guidance as per section 81(3)(a) and (b) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, which states that the conduct constitutes an offence for which a person 21 years of age or over with no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years or more.

The premises are situated at 19 Albion Wharf in the Deansgate Locks area of Manchester city centre and the premises licence was issued on 11/07/2017 . The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is Realand Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Piotr Pawel Mitrega who has held this position since May 2017 .

The incident which has triggered this Summary Review is as follows:

At 0429 hours on Saturday 3rd August 2019 GMP received a 999 call which stated that a male had been stabbed at Bliss Club.

A GMP Armed Response patrol who were in the city centre made straight to the location and CCTV reported that there was a lot of pushing and shoving taking place outside the premises.

Once the armed officers had arrived at the location they quickly located a male with stab wounds who was on Albion Street and was bleeding heavily. They commenced trauma first aid immediately and further patrols were requested to the location to help deal with the large crowds.

An ambulance attended the location a few minutes later and the male was taken to hospital for treatment for his stab wounds.

A short time later 2 other males attended at hospital each suffering from stab wounds and when they were spoken to they stated that they had been stabbed during the incident at Bliss Club.

All 3 males who were stabbed informed GMP that they had been inside the premises just prior to being attacked.

CCTV has been secured from the premises and it shows a fight start inside the

premises at 0412 hours and one of the males involved is wearing an easily identifiable T-shirt. No call is made to the police whilst this large fight is taking place or immediately after.

As soon as the fight is broken up the club begins emptying and from the outside CCTV another larger fight then ensues on a car park next to the premises and at the end of the main fighting the same male with the identifiable T-Shirt is seen to be in the thick of the fighting.

It is at some point during this large scale fight that the 3 victims were stabbed in their torsos.

Thankfully after being treated overnight at the hospital the 3 victims were discharged and are expected to make a full recovery. 3 crimes for Section 18 Wounding with Intent have been submitted and enquiries are continuing to trace the offenders.

GMP clearly have serious concerns regarding this incident which took place as customers were leaving the premises and it is believed that, if the premises had contacted GMP when the first fight inside the premises occurred, it is unlikely that the outside fight would have taken place and therefore the 3 victims would not have been stabbed.

This incident could very easily have resulted in the loss of life or very serious injury and GMP are extremely concerned by the fact that the premises did not contact us when the first fight started. This suggests that the premises may have been trying to cover up the incident but whatever their reason it has resulted in a far more serious incident occurring.

The 3 victims are known to police and it is feared that some form of retribution will be sought by at least one of them and to allow the premises to remain open will potentially place customers and staff in grave danger.

On the morning of the incident the premises was closed by the time that GMP had established a scene outside the premises. The following night GMP licensing officers attended at the premises and found it was back open so they requested that the premises close voluntarily in light of what had occurred earlier that morning and the concerns of some form of retribution occurring.

The premises duly obliged and remained closed that night.

It is GMP's firm belief that the premises needs to remain closed pending the full review hearing.

The premises are also currently subject to an action plan from Manchester City Council Out of Hours team and on the night following the incident several breaches of the premises licence were discovered which heightens our concerns even further.

The powers contained under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 are necessary and proportionate in light of the association that the premises has to Serious Crime and Serious Disorder.

In the interim Greater Manchester Police would request that the Licensing Authority consider suspension of the Premises Licence until the full review is

heard before the committee. Serious Crime and Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises and until the Licensing Committee hear the full review and all the evidence that will be disclosed, to allow the premises to continue to operate as a licensed premises gives concerns that further violent incidents will occur at the premises and the safety of both customers and staff will be placed in jeopardy. Greater Manchester Police will say that the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder can only be promoted if the premises licence was suspended until the final determination of the summary review application.

The standard review of the premises licence under section 51 Licensing Act 2003 is inappropriate due to length of time a standard review would take. There are serious concerns as to the extreme level of violence that has occurred. Greater Manchester Police believe that Serious crime and Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises.

Signature of applicant:

Date: 6th August 2019

Capacity: Licensing Constable

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address:

**Manchester Town Hall Extension
Lloyd Street
Manchester
M2 5DB**

Telephone number(s): 0161 856 6017

Email: alan.isherwood@gmp.police.uk

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.

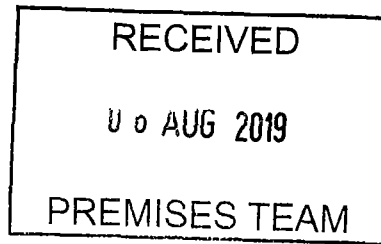
Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory

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 eighteen 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.



ANNEX B

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with ~~serious crime / serious disorder~~ / both serious crime and serious disorder¹.

Premises²:

Bliss Club
19 Albion Wharf
Manchester

Premises licence number (if known): 198158

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Piotr Pawel Mitrega

I am a ^{CHIEF} Superintendent³ in the Greater Manchester police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because⁴:

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¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

³ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁴ Give a 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

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The powers contained under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 are necessary and proportionate in light of the association that the premises has to Serious Crime and Serious Disorder.

In the interim Greater Manchester Police would request that the Licensing Authority consider suspension of the Premises Licence until the full review is heard before the committee. Serious Crime and Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises and until the Licensing Committee hear the full review and all the evidence that will be disclosed, to allow the premises to continue to operate as a licensed premises gives concerns that further violent incidents will occur at the premises and the safety of both customers and staff will be placed in jeopardy. Greater Manchester Police will say that the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder can only be promoted if the premises licence was suspended until the final determination of the summary review application.

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(Signed)

C. S. O'Neil

Chmp.

6.8.2019

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MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE

Premises licence number	198158
Granted	11/07/2017
Latest version	Transfer 232038 granted 30/05/2019

Part 1 - Premises details

Name and address of premises
Bliss Club Albion Wharf, 19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The sale by retail of alcohol*. The provision of regulated entertainment, limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition of films; Live music; Recorded music. The provision of late night refreshment. <p>* All references in this licence to "sale of alcohol" are to sale by retail.</p>

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

Sale by retail of alcohol							
Standard timings							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Finish	2400	2400	2400	2400	0400	0400	2400
The sale of alcohol is licensed for consumption on the premises only.							
Seasonal variations and Non standard Timings:							
<u>Valentine's Day, St George's Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day (when falling on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday):</u> terminal hour 02:00							
When falling on Friday or Saturday the terminal hour will be 04:00.							
<u>On the Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday Monday:</u> terminal hour 04:00.							
<u>New Year:</u> From the start time on New Year's Eve to the terminal hour for New Year's Day.							
On the day British Summer Time commences: One additional hour following the terminal hour.							

Exhibition of films; Live music; Recorded music							
Standard timings							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Finish	2400	2400	2400	2400	0400	0400	2400
Licensed to take place indoors only.							
Seasonal variations and Non standard Timings:							
<u>Valentine's Day, St George's Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day (when falling on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday):</u> terminal hour 02:00							
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<u>New Year:</u> From the start time on New Year's Eve to the terminal hour for New Year's Day.							
On the day British Summer Time commences: One additional hour following the terminal hour.							

Provision of late night refreshment							
Standard timings							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300	2300
Finish	2400	2400	2400	2400	0400	0400	2400
Licensed to take place indoors only.							
Seasonal variations and Non standard Timings: Valentine's Day, St George's Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day (when falling on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday): terminal hour 02:00 When falling on Friday or Saturday the terminal hour will be 04:00. On the Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday Monday: terminal hour 04:00. New Year: From the start time on New Year's Eve to the terminal hour for New Year's Day. On the day British Summer Time commences: One additional hour following the terminal hour.							

Hours premises are open to the public							
Standard timings							
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Start	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Finish	0030	0030	0030	0030	0430	0430	0030
Seasonal variations and Non standard Timings: Valentine's Day, St George's Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day (when falling on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday): terminal hour 02:00 When falling on Friday or Saturday the terminal hour will be 04:00. On the Sundays preceding a Bank Holiday Monday: terminal hour 04:00. New Year: From the start time on New Year's Eve to the terminal hour for New Year's Day. On the day British Summer Time commences: One additional hour following the terminal hour.							

Part 2

Details of premises licence holder	
Name:	Realand Ltd
Address:	19 Albion Street, Manchester, M1 5LN
Registered number:	11701487

Details of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol	
Name:	Piotr Pawel Mitrega
Address:	
Personal Licence number:	PA2805
Issuing Authority:	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions	
Door Supervisors	
1.	Only individuals licensed by the Security Industry Authority shall be used at the premises to undertake security activities, which include guarding against: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Unauthorised access or occupation (e.g. through door supervision), (b) Outbreaks of disorder, or (c) Damage, unless otherwise entitled by virtue of section 4 of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 to carry out such activities.
Supply of alcohol	
2.	No supply of alcohol may be made under this premises licence:

- (a) At a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence or,
 - (b) At a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
3. Every retail sale or supply of alcohol made under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
4. (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
- (2) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
- (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either –
- (a) a holographic mark, or
 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.
5. (1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price, which is less than the permitted price.
- (2) For the purposes of the condition set out in (1) above–
- (a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979
 - (b) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula–
- $$P = D + (D \times V)$$
- where –
- (i) P is the permitted price,
 - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence –
- (i) the holder of the premises licence,
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) “valued added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (3) Where the permitted price given by paragraph (2)(b) would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- (4) (a) Sub-paragraph (4)(b) applies where the permitted price given by paragraph (2)(b) on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.
- (b) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.
6. (1) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

- (2) In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises –
- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to –
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
 - (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
 - (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

7. The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

8. The responsible person must ensure that –

- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures –
 - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

For the purposes of conditions 6, 7 and 8 above, a responsible person in relation to a licensed premises means the holder of the premise licence in respect of the premises, the designated premises supervisor (if any) or any individual aged 18 or over who is authorised by either the licence holder or designated premises supervisor. For premises with a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity that which enables him to prevent the supply of alcohol.

Exhibition of films

9. The admission of children under the age of 18 to film exhibitions permitted under the terms of this certificate shall be restricted in accordance with any recommendations made:
- (a) by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) where the film has been classified by that Board, or
 - (b) by the Licensing Authority where no classification certificate has been granted by the BBFC, or where the licensing authority has notified the club which holds the certificate that section 20 (3) (b) (74 (3)(b) for clubs) of the Licensing Act 2003 applies to the film.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the operating schedule

None

Annex 3 – Conditions attached after hearing by the licensing authority

1. Staff shall be trained in the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 with regard to the Licensing Objectives.
2. A CCTV system shall be maintained and operated at the premises with cameras positioned both internally and externally.
3. Recorded CCTV images will be maintained and stored for a period of thirty one days and shall be produced to the Police or Licensing Authority upon request.
4. CCTV will be in operation at any time a person is in the premises. Where CCTV is recorded onto a hard drive system, any DVDs subsequently produced will be in a format so it can be played back on a standard PC or DVD player.
5. Any person left in charge of the premises must be trained in the use of any such CCTV equipment, and be able to produce CCTV images to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.
6. Plans indicating the position of CCTV cameras to be submitted to the Police prior to the premises opening.
7. SIA registered door staff shall be employed at the premises on Fridays and Saturdays at a ratio of 1:75 customers from 10pm until close.
8. At all other times, SIA registered door staff shall be employed at the premises, in accordance with a risk assessment, to be carried out by the DPS. When employed, door staff will wear high visibility armbands.
9. When employed, a register of those door staff employed shall be maintained at the premises and shall include:
 - i. the number of door staff on duty;
 - ii. the identity of each member of door staff;
 - iii. the times the door staff are on duty.
10. Sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall not permitted.
11. Staff will be trained in the laws relating to under age sales, and that training shall be documented and repeated at 6 monthly intervals.
12. A refusals book will be maintained at the premises, and made available to an officer of a responsible authority upon request.
13. A first aid box will be available at the premises at all times.
14. Regular safety checks shall be carried out by staff.
15. Management shall liaise with the Fire Authority as necessary to ensure compliance with all necessary fire regulations.
16. The premises shall maintain an Incident Log and public liability insurance.
17. The Premises Licence Holder/DPS will not engage the services of an external promoter.
18. Noise from amplified music or voices shall not be such as to cause a noise nuisance to occupants of nearby premises.
19. No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to a nuisance.
20. The exterior of the building shall be cleared of litter at regular intervals.
21. Notices will be positioned at the exits to the building requesting customers to leave in a quiet manner.
22. Doors and windows at the premises are to remain closed after 11pm, save for access and egress.
23. A Dispersal and Smoking Policy will be implemented and adhered to (see attached).
24. The emptying of bins into skips, and refuse collections will not take place between 11pm and 8am.

25. Except in cases of emergency, patrons will not be permitted to access the canal side area at any time.
26. There will be no external speakers.
27. The canal side elevation (including the extension roof) will be soundproofed and the external canal side windows will be covered to ensure there will be no opportunity for any sound or light pollution to Hacienda residents.
28. Prior to the premises opening to the public the Premises Licence Holder will consult the City Council's Environmental Health Team to check the sound levels in order to ensure compliance with the "no nuisance" conditions.
29. A "Challenge 25" Policy shall be implemented in full and appropriate identification sought from any person who appears to be under the age of 25. The only acceptable forms of identification shall be photographic driving licences, passports, HM forces cards, or a form of identification with the "PASS" hologram.
30. Staff training will include the Challenge 25 Policy and its operation. In particular, staff shall be trained to take such action as is necessary to prevent the sale of alcohol to persons over the age of 18 where those customers are engaged in the distribution of alcohol to persons under the age of 18. The training must be given to a new member of staff before they commence employment and all staff must receive refresher training every 6 months.
31. Notices advising what forms of ID are acceptable must be displayed.
32. Notices must be displayed in prominent positions indicating that the Challenge 25 policy is in force.
33. Persons under the age of 18 shall not be permitted access to the premises.

Annex 4 – Plans

See attached

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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