

Greater Manchester Police  
Central Park  
Northampton Road  
Manchester

**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 disorder~~<sup>1</sup>.

*Premises*<sup>2</sup>:

Indigo  
457-459 Wilmslow Road  
Withington  
Manchester  
M20 4AN

Premises licence number (if known): 129896

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Christopher Hindle

I am a Superintendent <sup>3</sup> 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, because<sup>4</sup>:

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. Therefore due to the Serious Crime which has taken place at the

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<sup>1</sup> Delete as applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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 457-459 Wilmslow Road, Withington, South Manchester and the premises licence was issued on 06/09/2010. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Christopher Hindle who has held this position since October 2019 .

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

At 0147 hours on Thursday 30th January 2020 GMP received a telephone call from the North West Ambulance Service requesting assistance from GMP at the premises in relation to 2 males who had been stabbed at Indigo nightclub. They stated that the male who had contacted them was running away from the premises

At 0148 hours GMP received a second phone call from a male who stated that people were being slashed in the neck outside the premises.

NWAS went on to inform GMP that one of the victims had been slashed to his neck and the other had been slashed to his face.

At 0156 hours the first police officer arrived at the location and reported that the offender had left the scene so it was safe for the ambulance to attend.

The officer at the scene stated that both victims had severe knife wounds to their necks and that they were applying pressure to stem the bleeding. The officer noted that one of the males injuries was perilously close to his carotid artery.

The offenders identity was quickly established and officers were told by the DPS that he had ushered the offender and his friends out of the rear door of the premises.

Once the offender's identity had been established and circulated a police officer who was in the area saw the offender running away and the offender was pursued through several rear gardens before running into an address and straight through and out the other side. He was detained by police shortly after this.

He was arrested on suspicion of 2 counts of Attempted Murder and 2 crimes have been submitted for this offence.

The premises was in the process of closing and when officers spoke to the manager it was established that there had been a memorial at the premises for a male who was murdered a few years ago and that lots of members of local organised crime groups had been in attendance at the event.

The premises CCTV was viewed by the officers and it shows the offender on the dance floor lunging at people with what appears to be a small knife in his hand.

One of the victims suffered an 8" x 2" slash wound to his neck close to his jugular and it is estimated that he will require 20-25 stitches both internally and externally. The second victim suffered a slash wound to his face which was 3" x 1" in size and will require 5 internal stitches and 10-11 external stitches.

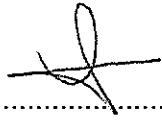
The alleged offender is a member of a South Manchester Organised Crime Group and GMP are extremely concerned that because of this there may be serious repercussions and that staff and customers at the premises may be placed in danger if the premises were allowed to continue to trade as a licensed premises. A member of staff at the premises has already stated that they do not wish to provide a statement as they are fearful of reprisals.

GMP have serious concerns as to the level of violence which occurred at the premises and by the demographic of some of the patrons who are frequenting there. We are also concerned that condition 7 in annex 2 of the premises licence states that when it is considered necessary a search policy shall be implemented at the premises to prevent drugs and weapons being brought onto the premises but this has clearly not been done as the offender was inside the premises with a knife at an event where numerous members of organised crime groups were present.

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 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 has occurred at the premises.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive letter 'J' or 'I' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

30.1.20

(Signed)

(Date)

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

ANNEX C

[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:

**Indigo  
457-459 Wilmslow Road**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M20 4AN**

**2. Premises licence details:**

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Christopher Hindle

Number of premises licence holder (if known): N/A

**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]

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Signature of applicant:   
Date: 30/01/20  
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