

IN THE MANCHESTER CITY TOWN HALL

BETWEEN:

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE
OF GREATER
MANCHESTER POLICE

APPLICANT

AND

MAHIKI

RESPONDENT

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WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

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Statement of: **Alan Isherwood**

Age if under 18: 18+ (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable

This statement (consisting of 4 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 25/8/20

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on last page)

I am Police Constable 17659 Isherwood of the Greater Manchester Police, Licensing Officer for the City of Manchester Division, currently based in the Licensing Team at Manchester Town Hall Extension.

Part of my remit as licensing officer is to oversee all of the licensed premises on the City of Manchester Division. The objective of the role is to promote and maintain the 4 licensing objectives at licensed premises, those being the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

Mahiki

The premises are situated on Central Street in Manchester city centre and the premises licence was issued on 03/08/2005. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) since April 2019 is Central Street Leisure (Manchester) Ltd whose sole director is Adam Karim and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is also Adam Karim who has held this position since July 2020.

Incidents and Visits to the Premises

There is a low number of incidents which have been reported to GMP in relation to the premises and this could either mean that very little has occurred there or that incidents are simply not being reported by the premises. The following 2 incidents occurred at the premises and neither of them was reported to GMP by the premises.

At 0030 hrs on Saturday 7th September 2019 a female was at the premises when a male threw a glass which hit her in the face causing a cracked tooth. A report of crime for Causing Grievous Bodily harm was later submitted. I now submit a copy of this crime report as exhibit AEI/1 and this can be found at pages 5-8 of the bundle.

At 0254 hrs on Friday 15th February 2020 GMP were contacted by a member of the public who informed us that there was a fight taking place outside the premises. Patrols attended and witnessed the end of the fight and all parties were separated. MCC LOOH have footage of this incident which they are going to show at the hearing. An incident log of this incident is included in the bundle at pages 9-12 and I now submit this as exhibit AEI/2.

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In the interim period, amongst other easing of restrictions some licensed premises were permitted to reopen in accordance with the updated government regulations and guidelines but nightclubs were not permitted to reopen and at the time of this Review application hearing this remains the position.

The premises remained closed until July 2020 and on 6th July and 11th July 2020 the premises were visited by Manchester City Council Licensing and Out of Hours (MCC LOOH) officers to give them up to date advice prior to them reopening on the night of 11th July 2020.

On the night of 11th July 2020 the premises were visited again by MCC LOOH officers and a GMP Licensing officer and during this visit the premises were found to be operating in the style of a bar, with low level music, patrons all seated and social distancing being observed. The premises were not particularly busy and the LOOH officer inspected their risk assessment.

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DPS - " Turn it on, Turn it on right now, We'll keep it to a level where you can still speak. Turn it on right now, forget what he says, Right what's your problem ?"

MCC LOOH - " There's loud music, people on the dance floor, not sitting at tables "

DPS - " Fantastic. OK the music is now to a level that we can speak but sometimes DJ's get a bit excited"

MCC LOOH - " OK well I've just asked him to turn it off."

DPS - " It's not going off, It's not going off , it is going to be kept at a decibel level where the government guidance says people can still speak. Anything else?"

MCC LOOH - " When I came in people were dancing and they shouldn't have been."

DPS - " Agreed they shouldn't have been."

MCC LOOH - " What's your name?"

DPS - "Adam Karim, What's your name?"

MCC LOOH - " John "

DPS - " I'll just make some notes cause I've had a couple of drinks "

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On Wednesday 5th August 2020 I applied for a Summary Review of the Premises Licence on the grounds that the Premises were associated with Serious Crime. Public Nuisance includes, historically, the risk of infections spreading as a result of activities carried out on land. Causing Public Nuisance is a serious criminal offence under Common Law and is punishable with a maximum life sentence so the serious crime threshold is met. The certificate was signed by Superintendent Dexter.

Interim Steps Hearing

The Interim Steps hearing took place on Friday 7th August 2020 at Manchester Town Hall where GMP outlined our concerns regarding the premises and showed the body worn video footage and CCTV to the committee. We asked the committee to suspend the Premises Licence pending the outcome of the full review hearing and, after deliberation; the committee took the decision to suspend the Premises Licence pending the full review hearing on Tuesday 1st September 2020.

Conclusion

It is clear that despite the risk to customers and staff from the spread of Covid 19 and the regulations issued by the government which prohibit nightclubs operating, and the issuing of a Prohibition Notice by MCC the premises are either unwilling or unable to restrict their style of operation to that of a bar.

The threat of the spread of Covid 19 is still very much at concerning levels and this has been shown by the restrictions recently imposed on North West regions including Greater Manchester by the government.

The premises have clearly been operating in a manner which increases the threat of the spread of this deadly virus and they have had ample opportunity and warnings to operate in a safe, Covid secure manner. They have failed to do this and as such we see no solution, which can guarantee that they don't continue to operate in this dangerous way, if they are allowed to continue to trade as licensed premises.

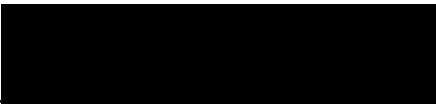
It is rare that GMP ask for a full revocation of a Premises Licence, however, the lack of control and cooperation from the operators gives us no confidence that the premises will trade in a safe manner if allowed to reopen.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

As such GMP would strongly urge the committee to revoke the Premises Licence forthwith.

Signature:



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EXHIBIT A-1/1

PC17659 SHERWOOD
 Tuesday, 25 August 2020 09:10:58

Crime Record

details **no** **investigation plan** **log** **tasks** **victim/witness** **suspect/accused** **police employees** **associated people** **locations** **objects** **markers** **documents** **linked events**

Reference: CU106AA/0000039/19
 State: Closed
 Stage: Initial Investigation
 Crime Status: Master
 Classification: Wounding or inflicting grievous...

Division: City of Manchester Division
 Investigating Officer: NPO Sergeants - A2 - C Group
 Access: Client
 Master:
 Final Classification: Crime

2614-43017

initial details **qualifiers** **flags** **final classification**

Initial Classification: Crime Incident Non-Crime Incident

Incident Description: (A2) Occ 07/09/19 00:30 inf was in the club with her friend when a man tried to throw a glass at her friend and she got in the way and it hit her in the face cracking her tooth. The man is called [redacted] and his [redacted]

Victim Based Crime: Yes No

Resolving person: CIV 71044 MURPHY

Investigating Team: NPO Sergeants - A2 - C Group

How notified to police: Non-Emergency Telephone Call 1101

Source Reference: log 2269-2709-19

Incident Reported Date/Time: 27/09/2019 17:06 BST

Date/Time Recorded: 27/09/2019 17:06 BST

Committed: On On or ahead On or before Between

Committed Start: 07/09/2019 00:30 BST

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Crime Record

PC17659JSHERWOOD
Tuesday 25 August 2020 09:20:43

2.614-43017

details mo investigation plan log tasks victim/witness suspect/accused police employees associated people locations objects markers documents linked events

Reference: CU10644/202009519
State: Closed
Stage: Initial Investigation
Crime Status:
Classification: Wounding or inflicting grievous...
Division: City of Manchester Division
Investigating Officer: NPO Sergeants - A2 - C Group
Accused: [1] [1] [1] [0]
Victims: [1] [1] [1] [0]
Witnesses: [1] [1] [1] [0]
Suspects: [1] [1] [1] [0]
Accused: [1] [1] [1] [0]



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- ➔ Manage Linked Investigations
- ➔ Link Event
- ➔ Send for Supervision
- ➔ Re-open Start Record
- ➔ Validation
- ➔ View Network Diagram

Source Reference: log 2269-270919

Incident Reported: 27/09/2019 17:05 BST

Date/Time Recorded: 27/09/2019 17:05 BST

Committed: On On or about On or before Between

Committed Start: 07/09/2019 00:30 BST

Committed End: 07/09/2019 00:30 BST

Incident Location: 1, CENTRAL STREET MANCHESTER MANCHESTER M2 5WR

THOR: []

THOR Rationale: []

Date/Time Assessed: [] BST

Force: Greater Manchester Police

Division: []



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Reference: 662457-1502000 Investigation Officer: 0 Events
 Category: Incident Access Level: Open
 Stage: Closed

details qualifiers closure

- [Add to Favorites](#) +
- [Alerts](#) +
- [Create Linked Event](#) +
- [View Station](#) +
- [View Network Diagram](#) +

Description
 Fighting soon male on the line saying that there is a fight going on outside this address line cleared
 retailer number male answered then said it had cleared down and cleared again

Reporting Person

Receiving Person

Investigating Officer

How notified to police

Notifier's phone number

Notifier's email address

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Reference: 609457-15022020 Investigation Officer: Events 0
Category: Incident Access Level: Over 0
Stage: Closed

details qualifiers closure

- References
- Add to favourites
- Activities
- Create Linked Event
- View Network Diagram

Reporting Person: CIV 23451 PENNER

Recording Person: CIV 23451 PENNER

Investigating Officer: [Empty]

How notified to police: Emergency Telephone Call (999)

Notifier's phone number: 07854891293

Notifier's email address: [Empty]

Date/Time Reported: 15/02/2020 02:54 GMT

Occurrence: On or about : On or before : Between

Occurrence Start: [Empty] BST

Occurrence End: [Empty] BST

Incident Location: 1 CENTRAL STREET MANCHESTER

Incident Type: CO1

Grade: 2

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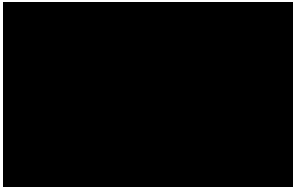
WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

URN : Statement of: **James Boyd**Age if under 18: **Over 18**(if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Police Constable**

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence. I Shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: **14/08/2020**

Check box if witness evidence is visually recorded *(supply witness details on last page)*

I am PC 18039 JAMES BOYD of the GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE, and I am currently based at WEST DIDSBURY POLICE STATION.

On Saturday 11th JUNE 2020, I was on duty with PC 13118 CARTER & PC 14337 KEPPEL on Operation CUSTODIA, working 21:00hrs-05:00hrs under call sign ACF28. CUSTODIAN is a high visibility patrol, ensuring people feel safe and preventing drunk disorderly behaviour & Anti-Social Behaviour in the City Centre.

At around 02:30, we were tasked by our COMMS operators to go to CLUB MAHIKI on 1 CENTRAL STREET, MANCHESTER, M2 5WR, with reports they were operating the venue like a nightclub.

Upon arrival, we met with Town Hall Licensing, who explained what was going on. When outside the club, the gates appeared to be closed even though he lights were on. At this point, I activated my Body Worn Camera footage.

I went down the stairs with the licensing, where you could immediately hear the loud music, like it was a nightclub. Upon going downstairs people were milling and coming out of the bathroom – they were not obeying social distancing, nor did it appear that social distancing was being enforced – in my opinion there

was no bouncers on the door.

Licencing asked the DJ to turn down the music so they could speak – a male who I believe was the manager repeatedly barked at the DJ

“TURN IT ON”

“TURN IT ON, NOW”.

The DJ instantly turned the music back on again, this time at a louder level blaring ‘Sing It Back’, which I felt was a jibe at the fact we were in the club and telling him to lower the music.

Licencing explained to a male, who I believe to be manager/management, about the music being too loud. The male was incredibly rude, argumentative and in my opinion appeared to be drunk. It seemed he was not concerned by the presence of either Police or Council Licensing.

At the far end of the club, people were dancing. This in my opinion showed the management’s blatant disregard to the lockdown measures placed because of the COVID-19 lockdown, and to me MAHIKI felt like a nightclub, due to the loud music and how people were dancing.

At this point, I turned off my Body Worn Camera.

After this, I went to other jobs, before I returned back to WEST DIDSBURY POLICE STATION to complete my paperwork.

During this, I was wearing my GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE issued BODY WORN CAMERA.

I exhibit this footage as:

JB/01 – Body Worn Footage inside CLUB MAHIKI

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 disorder¹.

*Premises*²:

Mahiki
Central Street
Manchester
M2 5WR

Premises licence number (if known): 49180

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Central Street Leisure (Manchester) Ltd

I am a Superintendent ³ 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:

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 actions of the operation of the premises which require immediate resolution. Greater Manchester Police believe that serious crime has occurred at the premises.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) will say that the premises are associated with

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.

serious crime. 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. Therefore due to the serious crime which has taken place at the premises GMP feel that it is necessary for an expedited review to take place.

Public Nuisance includes, historically, the risk of infections spreading as a result of activities carried out on land. Causing Public Nuisance is a serious criminal offence under Common Law and is punishable with a maximum Life Imprisonment.

The premises are situated on Central Street in the City centre of Manchester and the premises licence was issued on 03/08/2005. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is Central Street Leisure (Manchester) Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is who has held this positions since July 2020.

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On the night of 11th July 2020 the premises were visited again by MCC LOOH officers and a GMP Licensing officer and at during this visit the premises were found to be operating in the style of a bar, with low level music, patrons all seated and social distancing being observed. The premises were not particularly busy and the LOOH officer inspected their risk assessment.

At 0230 hours on the morning of 12th July 2020 LOOH and GMP again visited the premises and found that it was now operating in the style of what would be viewed as a nightclub, with patrons dancing, high volume music from the DJ, vertical drinking and customers ordering drinks at the bar. The officers also noted that there was an issue with the conduct of the DPS when he was spoken to regarding these issues. CCTV from the premises was requested during this visit by LOOH.

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It is clear that despite the risk to customers and staff from the spread of Covid 19 and the regulations issued by the government which prohibit nightclubs operating and the issuing of a Prohibition Notice by MCC the premises are either unwilling or unable to restrict their style of operation to that of a bar.

The threat of the spread of Covid 19 is still very much at concerning levels and this has been shown by the restrictions imposed on North West regions including Greater Manchester by the government last week.

The premises have clearly been operating in a manner which increases the threat of the spread of this deadly virus and they have had ample opportunity and warnings to operate in a safe, Covid secure manner. They have failed to do this and as such we see no solution, which can guarantee that they don't continue to operate in this dangerous way, other than to suspend their premises licence pending the outcome of a Full Review hearing when these and other issues can be disclosed fully.

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.

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 crime will occur. 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 actions of the PLH/DPS. Greater Manchester Police believe that serious crime has occurred at the premises.

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5/8/20

(Signed)

(Date)



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:

**Mahiki
Central Street**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M2 5WR**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Central Street Leisure (Manchester) Ltd

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 11662321

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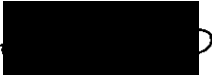
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The powers contained under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 are necessary and proportionate in light of the association that the premises has to serious crime.

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 crime will occur. 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 actions of the PLH/DPS. Greater Manchester Police believe that serious crime has occurred at the premises.

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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.