

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>.

Cirque Le Soir  
St Johns House,  
2 Queen Street,  
Manchester  
M2 5JB

Premises licence number (if known): 162506  
Name of premises supervisor (if known): Leonard Cunningham  
I am a Superintendent [REDACTED] 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

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 serious nature of the incident which require immediate resolution. Greater Manchester Police believe that serious crime and serious disorder has occurred at the premises.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) will say that the premises are associated with serious crime and serious disorder. 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 and serious disorder this has taken place at the premises, GMP feel that it is necessary for an expedited review to take place.

The premises are situated on 2 Queen Street, Manchester City Centre and the premises licence was issued on 22/07/2014. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is OOTF LTD and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Leonard Cunningham.

During the morning of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, customers from two separate tables in the VIP area started fighting, Door staff moved the customers into the main bar area where they continued to fight. Bar furniture was thrown by customers and metal barrier poles.

During the melee a customer was knocked unconscious, resulting in the male having to be taken to hospital. Innocent customers and staff can be seen running away in fear from the groups fighting.

Door staff split the two groups up taking one group out of the rear exit, the other group out of the main entrance, where the disorder continued.

Once outside metal barrier poles and rope were continued to be used as weapons by both the door staff and customers who were ejected. Two cars that were parked outside were had their windows smashed by 2 males who were ejected.

Door staff can be seen chasing the males towards Deansgate, whilst carrying barrier poles and ropes to be used as weapons, the whole incident lasted over 50 minutes

A Crime report for Section 18 Wounding and a crime for Violent Disorder have been submitted and enquiries are continuing to trace the offenders.

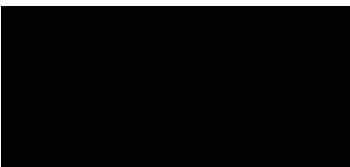
This investigation is in its early stages and there will no doubt be more information uncovered over the coming weeks but what is clear is that serious disorder and serious crimes have occurred at the premise.

The powers under sections 53A to 53C of the 2003 Act, are aimed at tackling serious crime and serious disorder.

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 crime will occur and place customers and staff in danger.. 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 in relation to the violence and serious disorder at the premises.

  
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(Signed) (Date)

20.09.21

## 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 [REDACTED] [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:

**Cirque Le Soir  
St Johns House  
2, Queen Street**

Post town: Manchester

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

**2. Premises licence details:**

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

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 162506

**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 is inappropriate due to the serious nature of the incident that has occurred. Greater Manchester Police will say that the premises are associated with serious crime and therefore that it is necessary for an expedited review to take place.**

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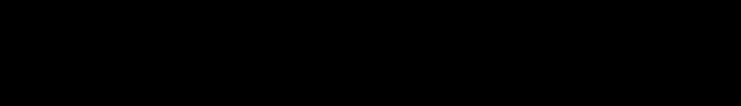
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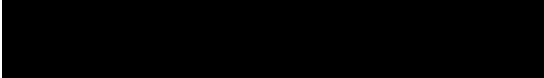
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**In the interim Greater Manchester Police would request that the Licensing Authority consider suspension of the Premises Licence until the full review is heard before the committee. Serious Crime has occurred at the premises and until the Licensing Committee hear the full review and all the evidence that will be disclosed, to open the premises gives concerns as to the safety of persons attending the premises and the staff who work there. Greater Manchester Police will say that the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety can only be promoted if the premises were to be closed until the final determination of the summary review application.**

Signature of applicant: 

Date: 20/09/21

Capacity: Licensing Constable 

**Contact details for matters concerning this application:**

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