

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~~¹.

*Premises*²:
The Queens Hotel
Sedgeford Road
Manchester
M40 8QU

Premises licence number (if known): 51244

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Janice Flint

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 extreme violence which has occurred at the premises and the lack of action from 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 premises GMP feel that it is necessary for an expedited review to take place.

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.

The premises are situated on Sedgeford Road in the Monsall area of Manchester and the premises licence was issued in 2005. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Janice Flint who was the DPS back in 2005 until 2006 and took up this position again on 8th July 2021.

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

On the evening of Wednesday 24th November 2021 GMP neighbourhood officers from Harpurhey Police station carried out a visit to licence premises at the Queens Hotel.

As the officers approached the premises a number of the patrons have made off from the location.

Officers have entered and spoken to the person in charge. On looking around the public area and on seating at the rear, officers have discovered suspected class A drugs, prepared for individual deals, which appear to have been discarded in a hurry on the seats. Nearby, a knife in a sheath was discovered under a table, again, seemingly discarded. As well as these items a single 'walkie talkie' type radio was located near to the entrance.

On further checking in and around the premises, a large amount of alcohol bottles were discovered outside of the premises, near to a storage container, and in a box, inside the gents toilets. Obviously, alcohol at a public house is not unusual, but the fact it has seemingly been hidden rather than stored gives rise to serious concerns.

The person present and identifying themselves as being in charge stated to officers she was in charge of the pub on behalf of the PLH / DPS.

Officers invited her to close the pub and cease licensable activities immediately due to concerns about obvious criminality ongoing at the premises and this request was duly complied with.

As a result of this visit the following items were seized:

- 16 individually wrapped packets of white power
- 24 individually wrapped packets of brown power
- 47 individually wrapped packets of white 'rock like' substance
- A black handled knife in a sheath, blade approx 8 inches long
- A black ICOM walkie talkie

- 15x Jager 70cl
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- 3x Sambuco 70cl
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Therefore GMP have serious concerns as to the way the premises are being operated and it appears that the premises is being used as a hub for criminals to carry out their illegal activities. We believe that this shows that the premises have had little or no regard for upholding the Licensing Objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

For the purposes of full review Section 182 Guidance states at section 11.27:

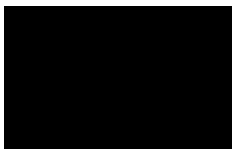
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- for the sale and distribution of drugs controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the laundering of the proceeds of drugs crime;
- as the base for the organisation of criminal activity, particularly by gangs

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 criminality will occur at the premises and the licensing objectives will be further undermined. 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 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 serious level of criminality that has occurred. Greater Manchester Police believe that Serious Crime has occurred at the premises.



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(Date)

25.11.21



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 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:

**The Queens Hotel
Sedgeford Road**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M40 8QU**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Janice Flint

Number of premises licence holder (if known):

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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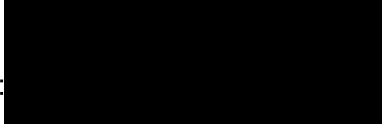
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Signature of applicant: 

Date: 25/11/21

Capacity: Licensing Constable

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address:

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

Telephone number(s): 

Email: 

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.