

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>:  
Irish World Heritage Centre  
1 Irish Town Way  
Manchester  
M8 0AE

Premises licence number (if known): 148190

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Martin Connolly

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 lack of action from the premises.

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

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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.

place.

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

At 2256 hours on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 GMP received a 999 call stating that there was a group of travellers fighting at The Irish Heritage centre and that one male was unconscious.

At 2258 GMP received another 999 call from a female stating that there was a large disturbance at the premises and that guns and knives had been mentioned.

At 2301 hours there was a further update that the unconscious male was now conscious but that the fighting was still continuing and that the assistant manager was trying to separate them but no weapons had been seen.

Due to the mention of guns and knives a rendezvous point was established and police patrols made for this location and by 2302 hours there were patrols at the RV point.

At 2304 hours there was a further update to say that the fighting was still continuing and that there was glass everywhere and an old lady had been hit.

At 2305 hours the caller stated that there were 10 males and 5 females fighting with 2 other men and another female and a separate caller stated that the males were wrecking the place.

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At the same time yet another call came in stating that there were many people injured and that there were 10-15 people fighting and that an old lady who was an NHS volunteer had been punched in the face.

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At the same time yet another caller stated that there were people fighting in the foyer and were getting bottles and glasses from the bar. They stated that there was a security guard on site.

At 2312 hours the caller updated that the fighting was still ongoing and that they were using glasses.

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By 2322 hours the incident had been brought under control and the police

officers started sweeping the building to look for injured parties and victims. As a result of this incident a Crime for Violent Disorder and a Crime for Grievous Bodily Harm hve been submitted.

Clearly this was a terrifying incident for all those who were caught up in it, both staff and customers alike, and unfortunately an elderly female volunteer has received nasty facial injuries as a result of being punched in the face. GMP are concerned that there may be reprisals in relation to this incident as there often are following violent brawls of this nature and GMP's senior officers are not confident that the premises remaining open as a licensed premises is in the best interests of public safety.

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 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 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 violence 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.

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Supt 15407 Zac Fraser 17.03.22

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(Signed)

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(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:

**Irish World Heritage Centre  
1 Irish Town way**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M8 0AE**

**2. Premises licence details:**

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Martin Connolly

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 24907R

**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: [REDACTED]

Date: 17/3/22

Capacity: Licensing Constable

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

Address:

**Manchester Town Hall Extension**

**Lloyd Street**

**Manchester**

**M2 5DB**

Telephone number(s): [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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.