

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>:  
Embassy Club  
Westbourne Grove  
Manchester  
M9 4XJ

Premises licence number (if known): 50449

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Deborah Siddall

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 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.

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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.

The premises are situated on Westbourne Grove in the Harpurhey area of Manchester and the premises licence was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is Embassy Club Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Deborah Siddall who has held this position since November 2018.

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

At 2243 hours on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 GMP received a 999 call stating that there was a person with a knife at the Embassy Club and that someone had been cut.

At 2250 police officers attended at the premises and spoke to people who were present and it was established that around 2200 hours two unknown males approached door staff at the premises. The two males presented as hostile and threatened the door staff by stating they would drag them into the road and knock them out. They were initially refused entry into the premises by the door staff due to their behaviour but eventually the door staff were instructed to let the two males into the premise by the site manager.

Whilst in the premise the males were being loud and were bothering other customers. They eventually went outside and one of the door supervisors was outside the premises. The door supervisor observed one of the males having an argument with a brunette-haired girl. The male started to chase the girl around before the door supervisor intervened and told the male to stop, and a argument then ensued.

Meanwhile the second male got into a fight with an unknown victim close by. During this fight the unknown male suffered bruising and swelling to his right cheek.

Whilst the door supervisor was having an argument with the first male, the fighting stopped, and second male approached the door supervisor and the first male. When he got there, he asked the first male for the knife.

The door supervisor was immediately concerned and backed away and proceeded to get all the other customers inside the premises as he was concerned someone was going to get injured. As he was doing this the first male pulled the knife from his waistband and cut the door supervisor across his cheek and then proceeded to cut another male across his hands.

The door supervisor proceeded to get the customers into the building. Whilst he was doing this the second male punched him to the left-hand side of his head from behind. He managed to get everyone inside the building and locked the two offenders out.

The two males then made off in a vehicle and to date have not been identified. The premises operators then agreed to voluntarily close for the night.

2 Crimes for Section 18 Wounding with Intent and 2 crimes for Common assault have been submitted and enquiries to trace the offenders are continuing.

It is extremely concerning that the offenders were allowed access to the premises after initially being refused entry by the door staff and it is even more concerning to learn that one of them was carrying a knife which he then used to slash the 2 victims.

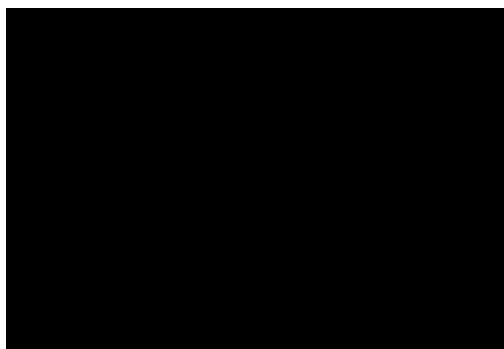
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The powers contained under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 are necessary and proportionate in light of the association that the premises has to Serious Crime.

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 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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16/03/22.

(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:

**Embassy Club  
Westbourne Grove**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M9 4XJ**

**2. Premises licence details:**

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Deborah Sidall

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 10949152

**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: 16/3/22  
Capacity: Licensing Constable

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

Address:

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M2 5DB**

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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.

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.