

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:

Mesob Restaurant
97 Princess Road
Manchester
M14 4TH

Premises licence number (if known): 239469

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Kidane Mokonen

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 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

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.

place.

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

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At 0508 Hours GMP received another call from a member of the public who stated that they had just passed the location in a taxi and she had seen males fighting and one male had been injured by being thrown into some railings.

At 0509 Hours GMP officers arrived at the location and saw males running from the scene but that there was no fighting ongoing so they knocked on the shutters at Mesob Restaurant but got no reply.

The CCTV has since been seized and viewed and it shows that at 0500 hours there are a group of people outside the premises and several people duck under the shutters and leave the premises. As this is happening fighting breaks out between several of the people and this fighting carries on for several minutes during which plastic road barriers, bricks, belts and bottles are used as weapons.

One of the males who is seen exiting the premises at 0500 hours is seen to punch another male in the middle of Princess Road, knocking him out cold on a main road.

As the footage continues further people are seen to exit from a side door of the premises and some also become involved in the fighting. A male can be seen going back inside the premises about 2 minutes before the police officers arrive but despite the officer knocking at the shutters no one opened the premises and spoke to them.

Manchester City Council Licensing and Out of Hours officers have since attended the premises and been told that there is no CCTV footage from inside the premises on the morning of the incident which is a direct breach of their licensing conditions.

A report of Crime for Violent Disorder has since been submitted and enquiries to trace the offenders continue.

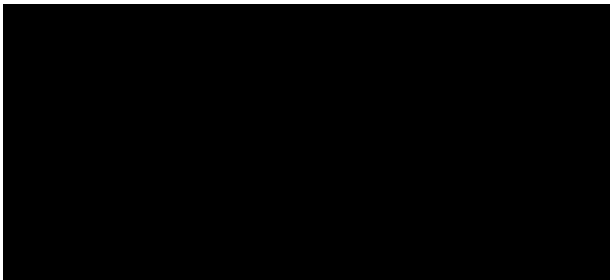
What makes this whole incident all the more concerning is that it occurred at 0500 hours which is 4 hours after the premises should have been closed and 4 and a half hours after licensable activity should have stopped, in the middle of a residential area and on one of the main thoroughfares in Greater Manchester.

There are other concerns regarding the premises from both GMP and Manchester City Council which will be disclosed at the subsequent full hearing.

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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07/07/22

(Date)



FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

ANNEX C

[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:

**Mesob Restaurant
97 Princess Road**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M14 4TH**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Kidane Mokonen

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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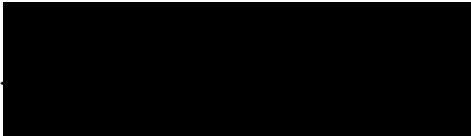
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Signature of applicant: 
Date: 7/7/22
Capacity: Licensing Constable

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address:
Manchester Town Hall Extension
Lloyd Street
Manchester
M2 5DB

Telephone number(s): 0161 856 6017

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.