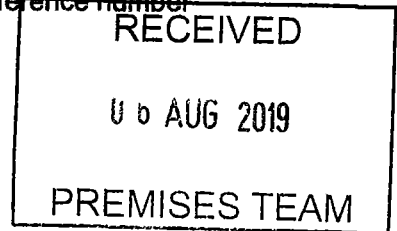


ANNEX C

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:

**Bliss Club
19Albion Wharf**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M1 5LN**

2. Premises licence details:

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

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 10615157

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 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 clientele frequenting the premises.

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

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.

The premises are situated at 19 Albion Wharf in the Deansgate Locks area of Manchester city centre and the premises licence was issued on 11/07/2017 . The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is Realand Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Piotr Pawel Mitrega who has held this position since May 2017 .

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

At 0429 hours on Saturday 3rd August 2019 GMP received a 999 call which stated that a male had been stabbed at Bliss Club.

A GMP Armed Response patrol who were in the city centre made straight to the location and CCTV reported that there was a lot of pushing and shoving taking place outside the premises.

Once the armed officers had arrived at the location they quickly located a male with stab wounds who was on Albion Street and was bleeding heavily. They commenced trauma first aid immediately and further patrols were requested to the location to help deal with the large crowds.

An ambulance attended the location a few minutes later and the male was taken to hospital for treatment for his stab wounds.

A short time later 2 other males attended at hospital each suffering from stab wounds and when they were spoken to they stated that they had been stabbed during the incident at Bliss Club.

All 3 males who were stabbed informed GMP that they had been inside the premises just prior to being attacked.

CCTV has been secured from the premises and it shows a fight start inside the

premises at 0412 hours and one of the males involved is wearing an easily identifiable T-shirt. No call is made to the police whilst this large fight is taking place or immediately after.

As soon as the fight is broken up the club begins emptying and from the outside CCTV another larger fight then ensues on a car park next to the premises and at the end of the main fighting the same male with the identifiable T-Shirt is seen to be in the thick of the fighting.

It is at some point during this large scale fight that the 3 victims were stabbed in their torsos.

Thankfully after being treated overnight at the hospital the 3 victims were discharged and are expected to make a full recovery. 3 crimes for Section 18 Wounding with Intent have been submitted and enquiries are continuing to trace the offenders.

GMP clearly have serious concerns regarding this incident which took place as customers were leaving the premises and it is believed that, if the premises had contacted GMP when the first fight inside the premises occurred, it is unlikely that the outside fight would have taken place and therefore the 3 victims would not have been stabbed.

This incident could very easily have resulted in the loss of life or very serious injury and GMP are extremely concerned by the fact that the premises did not contact us when the first fight started. This suggests that the premises may have been trying to cover up the incident but whatever their reason it has resulted in a far more serious incident occurring.

The 3 victims are known to police and it is feared that some form of retribution will be sought by at least one of them and to allow the premises to remain open will potentially place customers and staff in grave danger.

On the morning of the incident the premises was closed by the time that GMP had established a scene outside the premises. The following night GMP licensing officers attended at the premises and found it was back open so they requested that the premises close voluntarily in light of what had occurred earlier that morning and the concerns of some form of retribution occurring.

The premises duly obliged and remained closed that night.

It is GMP's firm belief that the premises needs to remain closed pending the full review hearing.

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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 and Serious Disorder.

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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 level of violence that has occurred. Greater Manchester Police believe that Serious crime and Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises.

Signature of applicant:

Date: 6th August 2019

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: alan.isherwood@gmp.police.uk

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.

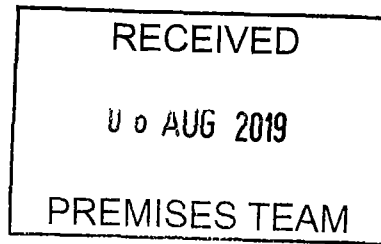
Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory

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- 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.



ANNEX B

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.

Premises²:
Bliss Club
19 Albion Wharf
Manchester

Premises licence number (if known): 198158

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Piotr Pawel Mitrega

I am a ^{CHIEF} Superintendent³ 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:

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¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

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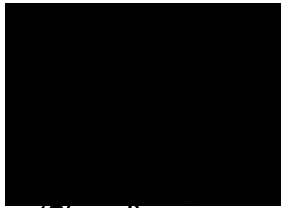
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(Signed)

C.S. O'Neil
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6.8.2019

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