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Form 693

Form for Applying for a Summary Licence Review**Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003**
(premises associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both)**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.

Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number:

Name: London Borough of Southwark

Address:

Floor 3, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1

Post town: London

Post code: SE1 2QH

Ref. No.:

I Ian Clements PC 362MD

on behalf of the chief officer of police for the Metropolitan 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 club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

The Coronet, 28 New Kent Road

Post town: London

Post code:
(if known)

SE1 5BA

2. Premises licence details

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):

Elephant Music Limited

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known):

840278, 840281 & 845674

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 serious disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

Please tick the box to confirm:



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4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both
(Please read guidance note 2)

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On Sunday the 8th November 2015 At approximately 02:30hrs Police were called to the venue by the DPS to a fight inside the premises involving 15 people.

The venue holds approximately 2600 people over a number of floors. On police arrival it was estimated that between 1800 (Venue est.) and 2400 (Police est) people were inside the venue and approximately another 200 outside.

The first officers on scene were informed by staff that a noxious substance had been discharged inside the venue similar to CS or Pepper spray.

On investigation it was established that two large groups of males were involved in an altercation in the main room bar area, what started off as pushing and shoving then quickly escalated into a fight.

Security at the venue were deployed to separate the two groups and establish what was going on, at this point it is alleged that noxious substance similar to CS or Pepper spray has been discharged, people are shouting that they have been gassed and attempting to cover their faces with clothing etc. A member of security staff describes what he saw as a cloud of smoke which was CS gas.

As the chaos continued it is alleged by one of the security personnel that a male is seen with a Black Hand gun tucked into his waste band. He is seen to expose the gun handle and saying something similar to " You see this, you wanna fuck with me now, you wanna fuck with this."

Security withdrew into the main foyer area, the fight continued and spilled down into the main foyer, It is alleged that security barriers and fire extinguishers were then thrown around by the two fighting groups.

As this was taking place security were called to the ground floor toilets where a male had been found with a stab wound to his leg. This male was taken to the medical room where on site medical staff provided first aid prior to the arrival of paramedics from the LAS.

Police arrived on scene and attempted to establish the facts, secure evidence and bring the situation under control.

It was decided that the venue should cease playing music and the event closed down, as the crowds dispersed there were further pockets of volatility. The duty inspector on scene had concerns of an escalation in violence and possible crushing injuries, due to the number of persons trying to retrieve their items from the cloakroom.

At 04:07 the duty officer declared this as a critical incident and called upon off borough resources to ensure the appropriate number could be deployed inside and out of the venue to ensure public safety. At least 18 units from outside of the borough attended including specialist firearms officers.

Well in excess of 20 units were deployed throughout this incident, this does not take into account the LAS and medical staff involved at the hospital.

The first call was received from the management at 02:30, at 04:38 there were sufficient units on scene to control the situation safely. At 05:02 off borough units were dismissed as levels of footfall had reduced to normal levels.

It is clear from initial reports that there has been a significant failure in the security procedures at the venue. At least one person has gained entry with a noxious substance with the ability to discharge this substance inside the venue.

One male has received a stab wound to his leg, this weapon has yet to be found but from initial reports it is believed to from a knife or similar bladed article. Of note is the statement provided by PC Wythe where security have described seeing a 3 to 4 inch knife in the hand of one of the males fighting.

A member of security has also provided an initial written statement describing his sight of what he believed to be a Black Hand gun in waste band of a suspect and threatening others as described above.

This is an unacceptable situation and one that requires a fast time response in order to protect the public and prevent further crime and disorder. Police seek the suspension of the premises licence pending the determination of a full licensing hearing.

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Signature of applicant			
Signature:		Date:	10/11/2015
Capacity:	Metropolitan Police Licensing Officer		
Contact details for matters concerning this application			
Surname:	Clements	First Names:	Ian
Address:			
Southwark Police station, 323 Borough High Street,			
Post town:	London	Post code:	SE1 1JL
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Notes for guidance

- 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.
- Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.



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Certificate under Section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003

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I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with:
both serious crime and serious disorder

Premises (Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details):

Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

Coronet, 28 New Kent Road

Post town: London

Post code: SE1 6TJ
(if known)

Premises licence number (if known):

840278, 840281 and 845674

Name of premises supervisor (if known):

Samantha Jane Porter

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I am a Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police Service.

*Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case because:

(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)

Issue 1 - Assault Occasioning Greivous Bodily Harm

On Sunday 8th November 2015 at about 02:30 hours, a fight broke out inside the Coronet involving approximately 15 people. During this incident it is believe a noxious substance was discharged, causing understandable panic among the crowd. People were shouting loudly saying they had been 'gassed' and covering their faces. Security personnel clearly describe seeing what they believed to be a black hand gun tucked in to the waistband of a male suspected to be involved in the fight.

As staff were dealing with this incident, another male was found in the premises toilet with a significant (knife) stab wound to the leg. It was clear this had taken place recently, presumably by someone inside the premises armed with an implement capable of causing significant injury.

The seriousness of these incidents passes the threshold test for what I consider to be serious crime and serious disorder. Of particular concern is this incident was both the use or carriage of weapons capable of causing death or serious injury and the discharge of a noxious substance. It is clear there has been a significant breach of security procedures and standards in allowing these items, and those carrying them, in to the premises.

The investigation of this crime is ongoing - there have not been any arrests yet,

Issue 2 - Heightened Levels of Other Crime

Of note over the weekend of 7th/8th November 2015 was the amount of other crime that is alleged to have occurred within or immediately outside the Coronet. This is at levels not normally expected with this venue, and include three separate reports of theft from a person, where it is alleged the victims has high value items stolen from them, presumably by way of pickpocketing. It is not known whether the venue was over capacity, but in my professional experience, pickpocket offenders prefer to work in crowded place where their actions (at waist height to remove items from handbags and pockets) can be more concealed.

History & Rationale

The venue has a recent good record of compliance with the police and local authority and have co-operated with recommendations of statutory parties where appropriate. This has included voluntarily closing the premises following significant incidents. Historically, such cooperation hasn't always been forthcoming and the more recent cooperation has been welcome.

I feel however that an expedited review is proportionate and necessary in this case. While investigations are ongoing in to both the serious assault and the thefts, no suspects have yet been arrested. The victim of the assault is reluctuant to involve the police and in my experience, this may give rise to him or others taking matters in to their own hands in seeking retribution through reprisal attacks. The promoted event on Saturday evening attracted a particular customer base; the venue has similar events planned in the coming weeks in the lead up to Christmas. I consider these events may attract similar customer groups, and the opportunity for both the time and the setting to be ripe for such a reprisal attack cannot in my view be ruled out. It is for this reason I consider the standard review process, which takes a minimum of 8 weeks, would not afford the appropriate timely opportunity to mitigate any further incidents of serious violence or disorder taking place.

Signature

Signature:

Date:

10th November 2015