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Date 29th Sept. 2011

Your ref

Our ref

Reply contact name is **David Bennett**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of the Application for the Review of a Premises Licence, in relation to;

The Courthouse, 2 Castle Street, Trowbridge BA14 8AN

If you have any queries and/or would like to discuss this application in more detail, kindly contact;

Jacqui Gallimore at Trowbridge Police Station, on 01225 794628.

Yours faithfully

David Bennett

Police Licensing Manager



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

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 this 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.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Chief Officer of Police

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Courthouse 2 Castle Street	
Post town Trowbridge	Post code (if known) BA14 8AN

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Lisa Marie Sutton
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) WW0700147LAPRE

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Wiltshire Police Trowbridge Police Station Polebarn Road TROWBRIDGE Wiltshire
Telephone number (if any) 101
E-mail address (optional)

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

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| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

The premises have for a considerable period of time been associated with high levels of crime and disorder.

Police and the Licensing Authority have attempted to work with the management of the premises over this period including numerous interventions, and whilst short term improvement have been made for a period following intervention, the premises has reverted back to being the subject of unacceptable levels of associated crime.

In March 2011 a serious incident occurred directly outside the premises involving door staff and an ejected customer which is the subject of a criminal investigation.

This incident provides evidence of an assault by door staff, as well as a lack of basic welfare and after care, and a failure to provide the police with accurate details of what took actually place.

The police therefore have serious concerns that the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder and public safety are not being supported.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

1. Between January 2010 and August 2011 police will provide evidence of incidents of violent crime or public disorder directly linked to the premise together with evidence of poor management practice and breaches of conditions.
2. Police record alcohol related arrests and all reported crime associated with licensed premises. For the period January to December 2010 The Courthouse is the number one premise in the County Division (All of Wiltshire except Swindon) for incidents of reported crime and second in the Division for alcohol related arrests. For the period January to June 2011 the premises remain first for crime incidents and 7th for alcohol related arrests.
3. The police, being so concerned about the propensity for violent crime at and around the premises, made an application under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 to monitor the exterior of the premises by the use of covert CCTV.
4. On 19th March 2011 a serious incident took place at the front of the premises whereby a customer who had been ejected was punched unconscious by a member of Courthouse door staff. This incident was captured on CCTV. The alleged perpetrator for this assault has been interviewed by police and the Crown Prosecution Service has authorised a charge for an offence of Actual Bodily Harm.
5. At or around the time of this incident the DPS took the decision to close at 0300 hours which is welcomed by police. However the current licence does allow opening until 0600 hours.
6. Negotiations have been ongoing with Scottish & Newcastle who own the Premises. This has resulted in an agreement around the earlier closing, together with a change of the Designated Premises Supervisor.
7. Police however remain extremely concerned in respect of the management and conduct of door staff at the premise.
In the main these concerns arise from the incident on 19th March 2011.
In particular:
 - i) The assault itself - it's ferocity and the fact that the perpetrator was in a position of responsibility for public safety
 - ii) The fact that at no time was any medical assistance or welfare administered to the victim by any member of door staff. Not even a call to the ambulance service
 - iii) The police are not satisfied that the statements made by members of door staff present when the assault took place accurately reflect what is clearly apparent from the CCTV footagePolice do not feel able to continue working with door staff and door staff management where such a serious incident could take place and whereby integrity remains a serious concern.
8. Police believe that additional conditions are required to ensure that the licensing objectives the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety are met.

Recommendations to the Committee

Police request that consideration be given to the following -

- That the premises replace the existing security company and its personnel
- That the premise licence is to cease at no later than 0300 hours
- That the DPS be at the premises throughout all key trading times (during holidays and /or periods of illness, a suitably experienced and qualified replacement will be appointed to deputise. Prior notification to be given to police).

Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them

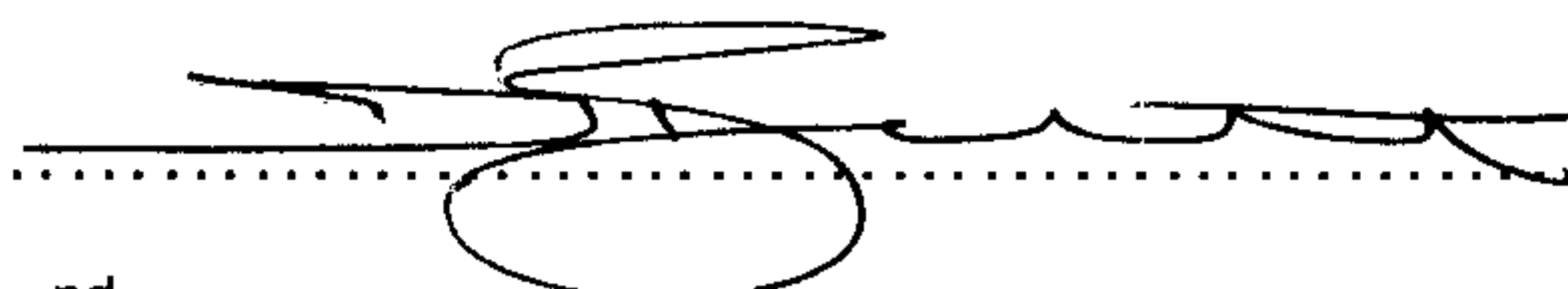
- Please tick yes**
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
 - I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date 22nd September 2011

Capacity Licensing Manager on behalf of Chief Constable

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5) Jacqui Gallimore As at C	
Post town	Post Code
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) jacqui.gallimore@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk	

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.