



Coventry City Council

**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.
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(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 Club SO/Club M Hertford Place	
Post town Coventry	Post code (if known) CV1 3JZ

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Westbourne Leisure Ltd
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) LN/207000786
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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible
authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A)
or (B) below)

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

x

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 ✓ yes

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 West Midlands Police Lloyd House Colmore Circus Birmingham B4 6NQ
Telephone number (if any) 08451135000
E-mail address (optional)

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

- Please tick one or more boxes ✓
- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
 - 2) public safety
 - 3) the prevention of public nuisance
 - 4) the protection of children from harm

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

The grounds to this review are under the licensing objective: **PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER.**

The premises in question is a nightclub just outside the City Centre which currently operates until 6am. Over the last year several concerns have been raised with the DPS and premises license holder, around assaults within the premises and crimes/ASB outside the location when customers are leaving. A high proportion of these incidents occurred after 04:30am.

On 16th August 2015 an incident took place at the premises, which resulted in a Police Dispersal Order being utilised due to disorder at a private event being hosted within the premises. Prior to this, the premises had seen an increase in reported crime and disorder over preceding weekends. As a result of this incident a meeting was held on the 21st August 2015 with the Police, the Local Authority and the premises management. During this meeting several issues were discussed and it was agreed that there would be a new booking procedure in relation to events, an increase in SIA staff ratios, SIA staff to use bodycams whilst on duty, increased external lighting, a dispersal policy to be implemented, refusals/incident book to be implemented which would be emailed to the Police Licensing Team. Issues were also raised with regards to the door supervisors and management of the premises. Shortly after this the door team changed and a new company were employed by the club.

Operation Cocktail is an intelligence led proactive policing operation, where premises are visited in conjunction with partner agencies, during hours of trading to assess adherence to licensing conditions and objectives, prevent crime and disorder and promote public safety.

In early September 2015 Operation Cocktail visited the Club M and 3 wraps of white powder believed to be cocaine were recovered from a reveller, a crime of assault was also reported with the principle witness being only 17 years of age. This person had been allowed in to the club and had reportedly been drinking. Due to on-going concerns a meeting was held with the premises the next day where they were placed on a Police Action Plan. The local authority was party to this meeting and supported the Police providing video evidence with regards to a noise complaint. This showed youths congregating at the side of the club, in a disorderly and intimidating manner; this

activity occurred from around 0415hrs onwards.

Points on the Action plan implemented in September 2015 were as follows;

- (1) Door staff are to be briefed fully one hour before opening.
- (2) The smoking area perimeter fencing was to be altered to prevent objects being passed in to the club.
- (3) All seating was to be removed from the smoking area.
- (4) Extra SIA would be put in place in static positions in the smoking area.
- (5) At least 2 bodycams would be in operation when the club is open.
- (6) All customers are to have ID checked.
- (7) All customers are to be searched and wanded.
- (8) Hours of trade are to be reduced to 5am.
- (9) A dispersal policy is to be implemented.
- (10) DPS or personal license holder is to be on the front door from 2200hrs until 0400hrs.
- (11) 3 new external cameras are to be installed with extra flood lights.
- (12) Hand held breathalyser is to be utilised.

It was also agreed that all incidents recorded by the premises would be emailed to the Police Licensing Team every Monday morning.

Following the ejection of a customer from the premises on the 12th September 2015 the male was seen by officers to have a kinder egg in his possession which contained deals of heroin and crack cocaine. The male was arrested for possession and supply of heroin and crack cocaine. Again the premises were spoken to with regards to searching procedures and further action was considered by the Police.

On the 22nd September the premises were contacted as they had failed to comply with the action plan, as they had not emailed incident reports.

On the 1st November there was a report of a 17yr old girl having been assaulted. Again it transpired she had been in to the club.

A follow up meeting was held and it was agreed that Incidents/refusals would be more detailed; ALL persons would be ID'd to include the use of UV lights, all staff would have refresher training and the management structure would be considered. Following on from this the management changed, with some staff leaving the company.

The Premises then requested their hours be reinstated, but were told that the Police were not happy to do so at this stage and this was declined.

On the 14th December after notification that the premises were altering the management structure and reverting back to the old business model, a decision was made by managers within the Police to allow the premises to resume their 6am opening hours as they had abided by their conditions for several consecutive weeks and we felt confident key issues had been taken into consideration.

On the 19th December Operation Cocktail visited the club. Numerous indications were made by the passive Police dog, but no drugs were found. Premises spoken to about searching and prevention.

On the 29th May 2016 at 06:10hrs a fight broke out at the side of the premises whereby a male was seriously injured with life threatening, life changing injuries. The male was hit over the head with a broom handle. On viewing CCTV it appears that door supervisors and the DPS did not intervene or assist with any first aid once the disorder had concluded. The male was unconscious and unresponsive and as friends of the man try to help, door supervisors are seen to walk away from him, fully aware of his state. They then stand with the DPS in close proximity to the injured male watching as his friends try to physically lift him. The Police feel that this shows total disregard to the premises responsibilities to the public and their customers. It also shows poor management and a lack of general care.

A meeting was subsequently held with the DPS and premises license holder, and they were notified that the Police would be applying to review the premises license. They also requested that an interim Action Plan be considered, pending the review.

Over the last 12 months there have been 16 reported crimes relating to the club and directly outside, 38% of these are reported after 4am. There have also been 27 Police/Ambulance logs within the last 12 months and 52% of these are reported after 4am. The crimes relate to two drugs offences already mentioned, the rest being varying levels of assault. All the Police logs relate to

disorder and assaults.

Due to all of the above, the history of the premises and the lack of management and care, the West Midlands Police respectfully request that consideration be made for the committee to revoke the premises license. If the committee feel that this is not appropriate in the circumstances, the Police would like to offer an alternative of a reduction in hours of trade to 4am and the following conditions:

- (1) All door staff to wear fluorescent vest/tabards when working at the premises.
- (2) A dispersal policy is to be implemented to the agreed standard of the WMP. This is to include the entire external perimeter.
- (3) A minimum of 2 body cams are to be worn by SIA staff. At least one of these is to be worn by a door supervisor at the main entrance when customers are entering the club.
- (4) Still photographs are to be taken of all persons entering the premises.
- (5) Regular outer glass and bottle collections are to take place.
- (6) A 'cool down' period is to operate at the club, a minimum of 30 minutes before closing.
- (7) An ID scanner is to operate at the premises, unless agreed by the WMP.
- (8) A minimum of 14 days' notice will be given to Coventry Police Licensing Team for any events out of normal business. The WMP will have the authority to veto any such event.

The West Midlands Police respectfully submit this application for your consideration.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the 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 the 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 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature Stambouli

Date 15th JUNE 2016

Capacity PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER, COVENTRY LOCAL POLICING UNIT.

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
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)	

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.