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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:	Islington Council		
Address:	222 Upper Street, Islington		
Post town:	London	Post code:	N1 1XR
Ref. No.:			

I PS Neil Fraser 333CN

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:

Orleans, 259 - 261 Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, Islington

Post town:	London	Post code: (if known)	N4 2DD
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2. Premises licence details

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

Ms Davina John

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

LN/8462-150319

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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This application relates to Orleans, 259-261 Seven Sisters Road, N4. The venue is a late night bar licenced for the sale of alcohol 7 days a week from 12pm to 3.30am. At 2.30am on 25th December 2019, police were flagged down by a member of the public owing to a male with head injuries on the ground outside the venue. The male was treated by Police and an ambulance called. The male had received a cut to the head with significant bleeding.

Door staff told the attending officers that the male had been ejected from the venue owing to being drunk and had returned with the injuries. They did not know how he came to be injured.

Police viewed local authority CCTV that captured the incident in full. The CCTV shows the male being ejected, causing a nuisance and attempting to attack the door staff. He appears to be intoxicated. After some time, the male walks away and returns throwing an object at the door staff. One of the door staff responds by taking a metal pole from inside the venue door and approaches the intoxicated male along with two other door staff. The male who took the pole hits the victim multiple times with the object, causing a gash to his head. The other two males kick the victim multiple times while he is on the floor. They then walk back to their post at the venue, leaving the male laying on the ground and rearrange the barriers. The door supervisor with the pole places the object back inside the door of the venue.

When police have arrived and ask what has happened to the victim and how he has sustained these injuries, door staff have stated they do not know. It also seems they have attempted to wash away the crime scene from outside the venue. Police have attempted to gain details from members of staff to assist in the investigation. The officers report staff refused to provide their details.

The manager of the venue calls Police at 02.52am stating a drunk male that was trying to get into the venue, and was trying to smash people with metal barriers. The manager noted that the drunk male was bleeding from his head but did not see how this injury happened, but the incident had been going on for at least the last 15 minutes. This call was made some 22 minutes after the assault is believed to have taken place. (CAD 1037/25DEC)

PS Fraser spoke with the DPS, Mr Ronald Tomlinson on the morning of the 27th December regarding the incident. A full incident pack was requested to include an incident report and SIA logs. Mr Tomlinson stated that he was on duty that night and was aware of the incident. He stated that he is aware that three of his security team were arrested. Mr Tomlinson stated that he has not made any changes to the operation of the venue and has not had the chance to talk about it with his colleagues.

Police have significant concerns regarding this incident and are concerned that the operation of this venue in its current state poses a risk to public safety. The incident in question was investigated as a GBH and Affray. Both of these crimes can be categorised as 'serious crime'. It is not disputed that the security team working on the door were provoked by a drunk male whom they had ejected, however their actions in attacking him with a metal pole and kicking him whilst he lay injured on the ground were completely unacceptable and criminal. The victim of this assault has been released from hospital after having his head injury treated and is expected to make a full recovery. The outcome of this assault could have easily been far worse.

It is of concern that three members of the venue security would collectively take the decision to deal with a drunk customer by attacking him with a metal pole and kicking him. It is clear that these individuals knew they had committed criminal offences as they claimed to have no knowledge of how the male came by his injuries. They also made efforts to clear up the crime scene, intentionally frustrating the Police investigation.

It would be naive to conclude that this incident was solely down to the actions of 3 rouge SIA door supervisors. Police are concerned that the venue management do not have proper control of the operation of the venue or the security who work within it. It is clear that the security involved knew where to source a weapon and were able to hide it again back in the venue after the assault. Despite the passage of time since the incident, the DPS has not taken any actions to address the significant failings.

Over the past 12 months Police have had numerous interactions with the venue owing to reports of violence and non-compliance. In January 2019 a male patron attempted to slash a female across the face and punched her outside the venue. Owing to this and another violent incident, Police met with the management and discussed measures that would assist them in operating safely and in keeping with the licensing objectives. The DPS submitted a minor variation, adding conditions to the licence as agreed with Police. one of these conditions included an ID scan device. Police visited the venue in May 2019 and noted 5 breaches of the licence, including no ID scan. On 29th May a door supervisor at the venue was stabbed in the neck. This incident was not reported to Police by either the venue or the door supervisor, nor was any incident report made as per licence conditions. This serious assault only came to light following contact from the hospital. This prompted another visit to the venue where 5 breaches were noted, again including no ID scan. on 27th June the DPS and PLH attended a joint officer panel with Police and Council licensing officers to discuss the continued failings.

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We enter this precis for the panels urgent attention and ask that consideration be given to suspending the premises licence in question pending full review. This will enable Police time to work with the venue to fully debrief the incident and determine if suitable changes can be made so that the venue can operate in keeping with licensing objectives.

Signature of applicant

Signature:	<i>Neil Fraser 33301</i>	Date:	30/12/2019
Capacity:	Police Licensing Officer		

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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.