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Form 693A

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

Metropolitan Police Service | New Scotland | Yard 8-10 Broadway | London | SW1H 0BG

**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:

Aquarium Management Ltd 256-260 Old Street, London

Post town: London

Post code:
(if known)

EC1V 9DD

Premises licence number (if known):

LN/11384-130819

Name of premises supervisor (if known):

Mr Alper Satıcı

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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)

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This application details an incident of serious crime and serious disorder outside Aquarium Nightclub. The concerns Police have regarding the operation of this venue are so serious that this application for a Summary review is felt to be the most proportionate and necessary step.

On Wednesday 1st January 2020 at 0430 hours, police were in the vicinity of the premises when they were alerted by members of public that a fight was taking place on Singer Street. Police officers quickly made their way to the location which is around 20 - 30 metres from Club Aquarium. When they arrived they saw a large group of males fighting. One male was holding a belt in his hand using it as a weapon, another male had a fresh wound and was bleeding heavily from the head.

Police officers had to quickly take control of the situation and detained the group.

It appears that the two groups had been involved in a disturbance inside the venue which has continued once outside. It had been alleged that one male had been punched. The first group left at around 4.30am and were stood on Singer Street, waiting for a taxi when the second group they had an altercation with earlier on, approached them. A fight quickly ensued and one of the males was struck on the head with a Champagne bottle. Both males were arrested for the offences of GBH, Affray and possession of an offensive weapon.

This incident posed a very high risk and had the potential for member of public to be injured in the potential cross fire. Officers had to be called away from an incident they were dealing with to take control of the situation. Officers are seen using batons as a tactical option due to the level of violence being used by the group.

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.

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.

Police have already submitted a standard review of the premises licence owing to the persistent incidents of violence occurring involving Aquarium patrons. Since the review was submitted on the 7th December 2019 the venue is still coming to police notice. Below are examples of this;

On Saturday 21st December 2019. 4.10am. Police called to the venue after a female customer had assaulted the head door man. This female had been ejected with a friend owing to being overly intoxicated. Upon being ejected she attacked security with a shoe and appears to attempt to shove barriers towards security. CCTV shows the levels of intoxication and violent behaviour.

On Friday 27th December 2019 Police called to location and found approximately 150 people pushing one another in the cloak room area with security having lost control of the situation.

Police have held the crowd back to protect staff and customers from harm at the location. It was left to the police to act as glorified cloak room attendants in order to gain control of the situation. There is a complete failure by the staff at the venue to control and manage its customers and echoes scenes very similar to those recorded on 20th October 2019.

On Saturday 28th December 2019 at 3.27am a patron alleges assault against a member of the security team. He states that he attended the venue and was ejected due to his behaviour. During the ejection the victim alleges that one of the members of the security team has punched him in the face. The male has left on the street and was robbed by a group of males.

Police have had significant interventions with the venue management. Despite these interventions, violent crime has continued to take place at the venue. This has led Police to apply for a standard review of the premises licence. Despite this review application being submitted, further incidents of violence still continue. This application is submitted owing to the serious disturbance outside the venue early on New Years Day. Police believe that immediate steps are now necessary to protect the venue staff, patrons and the general public from serious harm.

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