



Supporting Documentation relating to:
Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill Licensing Review.

3rd November 2022

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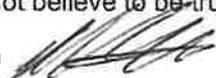
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Occupation Police Sergeant

This statement (consisting of page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: R. Harris (witness) 

Date 18/09/2022

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I am Police Sergeant 20673 Robert Harris of the West Midlands Police currently based at Walsall Civic Centre.

Part of my responsibility as Walsall Town Centre supervisor is to manage and police the night time economy over each weekend.

The main location for the night time economy in Walsall Town Centre is on Bridge Street.

On Bridge street there are a number of licensed premises that are open for trade until the very early hours over Friday and Saturday nights.

This statement is in relation to a licenced premises on Bridge Street by the name of LEX BAR AND GRILL.

This premises is situated near the top of Bridge Street and is near to the junction of Goodall Street.

LEX BAR AND GRILL has a serious problem with drug misuse. Every single time I have walked past this location when it has been open for trade or when I have walked through the premises, there has been evidence of cannabis use: either customers inside being found in possession and or a very strong smell of the drug, thick in the air inside and directly outside the premises. It is apparent that the manager/owner of this premises has no interest in stopping this behaviour as they are normally present at the time.

The premises doesn't normally get busy until about 0200 hours with most of the customers arriving by car.

The vehicles that swarm the Bridge Street and Goodall Street area at this critical time of the evening then proceed to double park on Bridge Street (which has traffic restrictions in place although seem to be ignored by LEX BAR customers) and completely obstruct the free flowing traffic on Goodall street by double parking and completely blocking the pavements.

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This has a huge impact on the limited resources the police can provide to police effectively as my officers are always distracted by the traffic issues this causes. I have personally witnessed people park up illegally in front of me and when I have challenged them to move their vehicle, they have refused and walked into LEX BAR AND GRILL. This is a very common occurrence.

The door staff employed by LEX BAR AND GRILL and the normal gathering of people who stand with the door staff at the front door of the premises are ignorant, unhelpful and clearly do not appreciate the police presence. They lie about the numbers they have in the premises when asked and they are often abrupt with police and make attempts to slow officers down who are trying to perform walkthroughs of the premises. The motivation for this I believe, is to enable the staff inside to usher some of their punters out the back door so that the numbers inside are below what they are allowed. There have been occasions where door staff have told police they have a specific number inside and once officers have gained entry to the premises, there are clearly substantially more people inside than were disclosed.

The demographic or clientelle this premises attracts always seem to lower the mood on Bridge Street with numerous nominals attending who are well known to the police from all over the force area. With this brings cars without insurance, disorders, vehicles being driven dangerously and weapons being recovered.

LEX BAR AND GRILL is not the only premises in Walsall Town that causes Police issues however, I can say without any doubt that LEX BAR AND GRILL is the main drain on Police resources during Friday and Saturday evenings because of the reasons I have detailed above.



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Occupation Walsall Licensing & Regulatory Service Officer, West midlands Police

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Signature: (witness)

Date 19th October 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Jennifer Mellor 60384, Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer currently stationed at Walsall Police Station.

This statement is a timeline of notifiable incidents occurring at Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill, 75 Bridge Street, Walsall from the period 1st August 2021 to 19th October 2022. The information has been gained from speaking with police officers and officers of Walsall Borough Council. I have researched police and external systems and read police officer statements. The purpose of this statement is to provide supporting evidence in support of the Licensing Review served by the West Midlands Police on 9th August 2022.

On the 1st August 2021 a crime for a Section 47 assault has been generated on police systems, this is an assault which resulted in an injury. From the crime report the incident occurred between 05:00 and 05:15 a male appears to have had a verbal argument with a bearded male who was with the group. The bearded male then punches the injured party to the head area causing him to fall to the ground and become unconscious, the offender then walks away with other males. The injured male on the 4th August contacted police to report a robbery stating that when he started to gain consciousness he has began to hold onto his necklace to prevent it being taken. The offender has begun to pull at the necklace with force causing it to come from around males’ neck. The offender has then walked away with the necklace and get into the passenger side of a vehicle. PC Tolley has updated the incident log with the following note “. The CCTV shows the IP being assaulted and then his neck chin is stolen by other offenders, CCTV locker number is recorded in the crime reports.” After I viewed the local authority’s CCTV of this incident, I updated our Innkeeper system with the following update “The people involved had come out of Lexx, they can be seen on the town safe CCTV”

On the 5th August 2021 due to the above-mentioned incident I telephoned the person I believed to be the Designated Premise Supervisor (DPS) who informed me she had left a week ago. I advised her to contact the council to remove herself if that was the present position as the records still showed her as having the

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day to day reasonability's of the bar. I received an email from Walsall Council Licensing Department the same day at 12:56 hours. I produce this email within your evidence bundle on page 106 advising the DPS had remove herself from the premise. On receipt of the email, I sent correspondence to the sole director of Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill, Melanie Jordon advising that any sales of alcohol at the bar would be unlawful and advising that CCTV footage had been seen of people leaving the bar at 05:05 hours on the previous Sunday morning. I produce this email within your evidence bundle on page 108. I did not receive a reply to be email.

After receiving a Variation for a DPS change on the same day I felt it appropriate due to the lack of engagement and the trading beyond their hours to request a meeting. Melanie Jordan was as previously mentioned the sole director of Lexx Jerkz Bar and now the proposed DPS. After contacting her then agent Nick Semper from the Licensing Guys, a meeting was arranged for 16th August at Lexx Jerkz Bar in Bridge Street Walsall.

On the 16th August at 10:00 hours I attended Lexx Jerkz Bar with Sarah Heath-Marshall, Community Protection Officer from Walsall Council. Present where Nick Semper from the Licensing Guys, Melanie Jordon and Derrick Minnot.

On the 18th August 2021 at 11:12 hours I sent an email to Walsall Council Licensing department accepting the DPS change however I made if clear I was making no representations with reservations which was communicated to the Premise Licence Holder (PLH) by way of a joint letter from myself and Sarah Heath Marshall dated 23rd August. The concerns were trading beyond licensable hours, violent incidents during the time Melanie Jordan was a director of Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill and the association with Derrick Minnot given his poor management at a previous venue. I produce both emails within your evidence bundle on pages 110 and 84.

On the 10th and 22nd September I received two emails from Walsall Council Community Protection advising of noise nuisance complaints, the level of noise was not acceptable emanating from the premise. I produce both emails within your evidence bundle on pages 70 and 72.

On the 26th September 2021 at 00:00 hours T/Inspector 29944 Upton carried out a licensing walk through of the premise, in his professional opinion he could smell cannabis within the premise. The Inspector has provided a statement which is produced within your evidence bundle on page 112 . The following is evidenced in that statement "I am a serving Police Officer with 21 years' service so can identify the smell. I could not see any fire exit to the rear of the premises so asked MINNOTT where the was one and there was only one fire exit nearer to the front of the premises."

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On the 28th September 2021 I arranged a further visit to the venue due to a number of continued concerns. Present where myself, Sarah Heath-Marshall, Community Protection Officer from Walsall Council, Nick Semper from the Licensing Guys, Melanie Jordon and Derrick Minnot. West Midlands Fire Service had also been invited and attended the meeting to carry out their assessment of the premise. On viewing the internal CCTV for the 26th September, we evidenced people being allowed into the venue past the allowed hours. I could see customers sat in the front bar with a bottle, food and glassware in front of them. Derek Minnot confirmed to me these persons were not staff and apologised. Sarah Heath Marshall discussed the noise complaints with both Melanie and Derrick and we spoke about the smell of cannabis in the venue and the lack of engagement by door staff refusing to give their names to police officers. Due to the violence occurring in Bridge Street we were asking all on sales licensed premises to consider closing at 3am and at this meeting we asked the same of Lexx. We also asked them to consider a dress code. Also discussed was their external barriers which were blocking the pavement and the parking of two vehicles on the pavement out side their premise, one was used for taking payments off customers and the other belonged to Derick Minnot. It was at this meeting West Midlands Fire Service issued a Prohibition Notice. I noted whilst speaking with the Fire Office and Derek Minnot that the rear fire exit had been covered up seriously undermining the Public Safety licensing objective and putting customers at serious risk. The structure over the BBQ was also charred. In my opinion and listening to the conversations these factors could have resulted in fatalities and or life changing injuries as a result of their negligence.

On the 6th October 2021 I received an email from West Midlands Fire Service advising of an amendment to the Prohibition Notice restricting the capacity to 60 persons in the front bar and a further 60 in the back. I produce this Notice within your evidence bundle on page 67.

On the 14th October at 20:12 hours I sent an email to Melanie Jordon attaching a joint letter from Sarah Heath Marshall, I outlined our discussions and placed the premise on a 3 month action plan , I produce this letter within your evidence bundle on page 84 together with the PLH and DPS's response.

On the 14th October 2021 a number of venues were visited by Police Officers for the purpose of carrying out drug swab testing. PC Bytheway evidenced a positive drug swab in the toilets. I viewed the bodycam footage of the visit by officers after and noted that a member of staff and a customer were smoking cigarettes within the marquee area of the premise. In July 2007 The Health Act 2006 made provision for the prohibition of smoking in certain premises, places and vehicles. I produce these photographs within your evidence bundle on pages 74 and 76.

On 5th November 2021 I received a copy of a warning letter from Environmental Health sent to the venue as their smoking shelter did not comply with legalisation therefore undermining the Public Safety licensing

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objective. I produce this letter within your evidence bundle on page 78.

On the 20th November 2021 from the council’s CCTV at 05:45 hours two females can be seen leaving the venue after the closure time with food type packaging. Derrick Minnot was seen at and outside the venue at the time. I viewed this CCTV footage with a Walsall council employee.

On the 25th November 2021 a further visit was made to the venue. Present were myself, Sarah Heath-Marshall, Community Protection Officer for Walsall Council, Melanie Jordon, Derrick Minnot and Nick Semper her licensing Consultant from Licensing Guys. From correspondence and talks with Nick Semper, it was felt by the Premise Licence Holder, they had been unfairly treated and it was my interpretation of the situation Melanie Jordan felt I was being racially bias. Although this meeting was official, the meeting was more about addressing these issues as this breakdown in communications with Melanie Jordan was affecting the working relationship. I had been made aware Melanie had health issues but West Midlands Police have to unsure the premise was acting inaccordance with Licensing law and addressing any concerns which arose. Once these issues had been addressed, pictures of the persons smoking in the building as mentioned above were shown to the attendees, Derek confirmed one of the pictures was a member of staff and he believed the other was a customer. I also viewed the internal CCTV with Sarah Heath-Marshall which confirmed two females coming out of the venue at 05:45 hours. Unfortunately, I was involved in a car accident on 29 November so a letter confirming our discussions was not sent out.

On the 18th December 2021 at 02:40 hours an offender had been arguing, pushing and shoving at the door of Lexx Bar and Grill. This called was made by a member of the public with the caller stating “persons trying to fight with bouncers” This offence was crimed as an Array with the Sgt who attended the incident noting the door staff had no control over the queue.

On the 23rd December 2021 I made the decision to deem the 3-month Action Plan which had been communicated to Premise Licence Holder by letter on 14th October inactive. There were many reasons for this decision which are included in the email sent to Melanie Jordan and her agent. I produce this letter within your evidence bundle on page 116. The content of the Action Plan was never agreed due to Melanie Jordan being unwell and the lack of meetings which therefore resulted in the non production of written agreed plan. I do believe, the Premise Licence Holder has been evasive about attending meetings and producing information when requested. Due to the COVID position at the time and the high possibility venues would be closed for the Christmas period, the venue were not currently advertising events, there was a Prohibition Notice on the venue limiting capacity and with footfall being reduced on the town due to the NHS COVID passes it would have been totally bureaucratic to continue with the Action Plan as the 3 month period was coming to the end.

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On 1st January 2022 between 04:18 and 04:23 hours Police were three males had been involved in a fight outside Lexx Bar and Grill which resulted in a crime being generated for Affray, this being a public order offence. PC 24879 Leek witnessed one male attempting to punch another male who then made off on foot but was detained. The male stated he had been drinking for a few hours and was drunk therefore his memory of events was not full. He did remember that he had been in Lexx Bar when there was a confrontation between himself and a male he did not know. This made him angry but his friends stepped in and dragged him out and across the road where they went into the foyer area of Tameway Tower. He remembered tussling with his friends when the police came in and he tried to ran off

On 3rd January 2022 at 02:20 hours 2 females are seen on the local authority’s CCTV exiting Lexx Bar and Grill fighting. This fight continues when a third female becomes involved. The female dressed in black can clearly be seen on the floor being kicked whilst being held down. Possible door staff seen in the doorway but no assistance or intervention was taken by any door staff. The third female’s hair piece was seen being pulled off during the altercation. No Victim details are known. This footage was viewed by myself and a council member of staff in the week following were a crime number was also generated on 9th January at my request

On 4th February 2022 I emailed Melanie Jordon requesting a catch-up meeting which was followed up by a further email on the 16th February as there was no response. I produce these emails within your evidence bundle on page 118.

On the 18th February 2022 I received an email from West Midlands Fire Service who had attended court in response to the appeal of the Prohibition Notice served upon Lexx Jerks Ltd which restricted the safe capacity of the premises to 60 persons inside and 60 persons outside. The court refused the appeal and the notice remains in force. I produce this email within your evidence bundle on page 68.

On the 19th February 2022 between 04:11 and 04:19 hours a report was received that there was a disorder outside Lexx Bar involving approximately 20 unknown people. The group were a mixture of males and females. They reported “lots and pushing and shoving could be seen and shouts of fights heard” The group then moved towards the petrol station away from Bridge Street. On police attendance there were groups seen but no fighting observed. Myself and a Walsall Council officer viewed the Local Authority CCTV. At 04:02 hours three females can be seen leaving Lexx Bar. They then started fighting between themselves whilst others try and separate them including door staff.

On 20th February 2022 at 15:15 I received an email from PC White. The content of that communication stated “On the 20TH Feb 2022 at approx 02.00 hours we were in full uniform duty when we spotted a male

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now know to be as Mr XXXXX XXXXX BORN XXXXXX who was wearing his SIA Badge on his right arm while sitting in a VW Golf - Mr XXXX was seen to be holding cannabis and on seeing this we have alighted from our vehicle and found Mr XXXX holding a A4 size bag with approx 6 smaller bags of cannabis - Mr XXXX works the door at LEXX JERKZ (Bridge Street) and it was clear he had just came from this venue due to him still wearing his SIA Badge and due to the WV Golf sitting yards away.”

On my written and verbal communications with Derek Minnot, he confirmed that this male was not employed by Lexx Bar however, PC White confirmed to me on 6th August “I am sure he was on the door a few time” I produce the email within your evidence bundle on page 122.

On the 24th February 2022 Insp Hobday met with Derrick Minnot the manager of Lexx Bar at the Police Station with their head door man. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss incidents, management and door staff issues and to see if measures could be put in place by the venue to address our concerns. An email was sent to Derrick Minnot with details of their discussions. It was at this meeting Derrick suggested the possibility of him becoming the DPS. I produce this email within your evidence bundle on page 124.

On the 27th February 2022 PC Wall has produced a statement on smell of drugs he has evidenced since November 2021, a gang related incident which appeared to originate from Lexx Bar on 7th November 2021 involving two drug dealers and an intel dating date of 2015 when both Melanie Jordan and Derrick Minnot were spoken to by Officers at their home address with regards to an intercepted parcel from Jamaica containing 100g of Cocaine that was posted to their address. His statement also includes the lack of engagement of door staff. I produce this email within your evidence bundle on page 126.

On the 16th March 2022 an email was sent to Derrick Minnot from Insp Hobday advising that after reviewing the paperwork on the revocation of Premise licence The Bond Street Tavern, Bond Street, Wolverhampton the police could not give any reassurance they would not object if Derrick Minnot applied to be Premise Licence Holder or Designated Premise Supervisor. I produce this email within your evidence bundle on page 128. Full detail of the paperwork relating to this revocation is produced within your evidence bundle on page 18.

On 14th May 2022 Sgt James during a licensing visit smelt cannabis inside the bar. He noted Lexx closed at 04:30 with many customers exiting on mass and slowly dispersing to vehicles which had been abandoned on pavements and within roadworks with little to no regard for the highway code of other road users. I produce this statement within your evidence bundle on page 130.

On the 1st June 2022 WMP received intelligence that gang nominals would be attending an event that evening at the venue at Lexx Bar, this event had moved from its normal venue.

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On 4th June 2022 Sgt James carried out a licensing visit where staff initially stated there were 60 customers counted into the premises, however following the walkthrough and a headcount, revealed there were between 110-120 persons inside. When challenged they could not provide a reasonable excuse for the misrepresentation of their numbers. Sgt James also evidenced a strong smell of cannabis emanating from the bar. I produce this statement within your evidence bundle on page 130.

On Saturday 18th June 2022 at 03:10 hours a licensing walk through was carried out by officers including PC Harmon. In a statement dated 19th June he evidenced a strong smell of what he believed, after 15 years of policing, the smell of cannabis. I produce this statement within your evidence bundle on page 132.

On the 22nd June 2022 at 16:53 I emailed a Partnership letter to Melanie Jordon expressing continued concerns at the premise. This letter was also hand delivered to the venue which related to the continued smell of cannabis inside the venue and the inability of door staff to effectively manage numbers in relation to the licensing visit by Sgt James on the 4th June as mentioned above. The letter also made Melanie Jordon aware that police officers prior to carrying out a walk through were asked to complete a form attached to a clip board for completion prior to entry. I produce this letter on page 94 within your evidence bundle.

On the 24th June at 19:08 Melanie Jordon replied to my email disputing the numbers inside the venue. Within the email she asked to see the police bodycam footage under a Freedom of Information request and confirmed that their door staff would refrain from presenting our officers with a form on a clip board for completion as a condition of entry.

On the 27th June at 14:33 I replied to Melanie Jordon's above mentioned email advising of the process for Freedom of Information requests however we would be happy to show the footage of the walkthrough on 4th June at Walsall Police Station without such a request being made. She was invited in with her licensing consultation if she wished but Melanie Jordon did not reply or contact me to arrange a visit. I produce these emails within your evidence bundle on pages 96 and 98.

On the 25th June 2022 at 01:20 hours whilst delivering a letter and carrying out a walkthrough Sgt Bradburn evidenced a pungent smell of cannabis and has provided a statement. I produce Sgt Bradburn's statement within your evidence bundle on page 136.

On the 26th June 2022 around 02:42 hours whilst officers and Sgt James were performing a walk through at Lexx Bar they noted a very strong smell of cannabis. At the rear of the location a male was found openly placing cannabis into a grinder. When challenged and subsequently searched he was found in possession of cannabis. The male informed officers that he was at the location for work purposes as a singer. I produce this statement within your evidence bundle on page 130 and a further email on page 134.

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On Saturday 9th July 2022 whilst on foot patrol PC Taft was walking past Lexx Bar, a member of staff has walked out of the front door. When the door to the venue has been opened, a strong smell of cannabis has come from the venue. I produce this statement within your evidence bundle on page 138.

On 15th July 2022 at 10:18 hours a Partnership letter was emailed to Melanie Jordon outlining continued concerns. The letter requested the following, the DPS's presence and management at the bar to deter unlawful activity, the removal of Derrick Minnot as Manager of the bar, the replacement of the existing security company supplying SIA staff, a last entry policy of 2am, refreshment all staff training, especially relating to their drug policy, the adopt of LSAVI and complete self-assessment together with completion WAVE training. Melanie Jordan was also asked to contact myself to arrange a date the following week to come to the Civic Centre for a meeting with the Partnership. I produce a copy of this letter within your evidence bundle on page 100.

On 19th July 2022 police received intelligence that gang nominals would be attending an event that evening. Police Officers did attend and there was a private party going on. Local Authority CCTV officers where tasked to view the CCTV to provide vehicle registrations numbers. At the time of my statement I am not aware of the outcome of this request.

On 25th July 2022 at 15:42 hours I emailed a further Partnership letter Melanie Jordan advising that due to the delay in Melanie Jordan responding to the letter of the 15th July, the Partnership (Police and Local Authority) would be submitting a Licensing Review and therefore withdrawing the opportunity of a meeting. The letter suggested that Melanie Jordan should contact myself to arrange a meeting on the dates she confirmed where available to her, namely 1st and 2nd August. I did not receive any contact from Melanie Jordan. I produce a copy of this letter within your evidence bundle on page 102.

On 30th July 2022 at approximately 23:30 hours Sgt 5328 Cope, PS Hollowood and PC 21704 Clark conducted a routine walk through of the premise. PC Clarke asked a member of staff by the name of Melissa if there was any door staff on to be told, they were not there at the time, but it was a private party until the door staff arrived. PC Clark evidenced 6 people inside the premise including 3 members of the public, a DJ and staff. During the walk through there was a strong smell of cannabis. It was the opinion of PC Clark the staff present did not know when and how long they were going to be there for before the arrival of door staff. I product a copy of this statement within your evidence bundle on page 140.

On 3rd August 2022 I attended Lexx Bar with PCSO Dodgson to view the internal CCTV at the premise. The time and date had been arranged after a telephone conversation with Derrick Minnot on Monday 1st August following the incident the previous weekend of the venue being open and not having door staff.

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Derrick did not attend the meeting and did not answer his phone which went straight into voicemail. I left voice messages on both Melanie’s and Derricks phone whilst standing outside the premise. An email was sent to the PLH advising of the non-attendance but there has been no reply. I produce a copy of this email within your evidence bundle on page 104.

After our visit on the same day PCSO Dodgson watched the council’s CCTV footage of customers entering Lexx Bar and Grill in the early hours of 31st July 2022. Customers were seen being allowed into the venue without being search which I believe is contrary to their drug policy. At 02:40 two females entered the premises without being searched or a bag search being conducted, they were followed moments later by two males who also entered the premises without being searched. At 02:41 a male and a female enter the premises without a search including bag search on the female taking place. At 02:42 a group of three males then enter the premises with no search being conducted, these males are then followed by two males at 02:43 who had been in a car outside the location who appear to show a wristband and are allowed entry with no search taking place. At 02:44 a lone male attends the premise, this male has his jacket briefly patted down before being allowed access to the premises. Four males attend and are allowed entry to the premises with no search taking place at 02:46 and a further male is allowed access to the venue without search at 02:50. Two females who had previously left the venue to attend a parked vehicle over the road were allowed access without search at 02:52 as were two females at 02:54 and one female who had visited a vehicle minutes before returned to her vehicle again and was allowed entry without search again at 02:55, in these instances where the females had bags the bags were not checked. One male was also allowed access to the venue without search at 02:54. Furthermore at 02:56 a group consisting of two females and one male were allowed into the venue without search including bag search for the females as was a singular male at 02:57. I produce a copy of PCSO Dodson’s statement within your evidence bundle on page 142.

On the 5th August 2022 after realising there had been a number of changes at Companies House to Lexx Jerkx Limited, I emailed our legal services team. A new director had been appointed and both Melanie Jordan and Derrick Minott had ceased having any significant interest in the company. I was concerned of any potential impact this could have on the Review process. At this time, Melaine Jordan was and is the DPS. On the 11th August I had confirmation back that "Having reviewed the Licensing Act 2003, and the 2005 Regulations, I cannot see any basis for evidence relied on in a review to be disregarded following a change of director of the limited company holding the licence." I produce documents from Companies House within your evidence bundle on page 40 where you will note multiple companies associated with Derek Minott and Lexx Bar.

Signature Signature witnessed by

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Crime No. N/A

URN N/A

Statement of Jennifer Mellor

On 6th August 2022 during a walk-through Sgt Derry evidenced the smell of cannabis

On the 6th August between 23:00 hours and 05:00 hours on 07 August 2022, PC O'Neil was deployed to police Walsall Night Time Economy with PC Wall and PC Rolfe. During the evening PC O'Neil made three log entries from information provided by Lexx Bar door staff about the numbers of persons inside. The first log entry at 00:30 hours, recorded 30 persons and 4 door staff at venue, then at 01:56 hours door staff said that there were 25 persons at the venue. Throughout the night, PC O'Neil noted quite significant numbers of people attending the venue with very few actually leaving, which made her question whether the numbers provided were accurate. At approximately 02:50 hours all three officers completed a walk-through of the venue. This was following a further report that there was then, 40 persons at the venue. Upon walking through the venue, there were clearly more than 40 persons inside and this was later challenged by her colleagues resulting in the door staff subsequently reporting a different number of 85. I produce a copy of PC O'Neil's statant within your evidence bundle on page 144. This undermines and has a disregard for the Public Safety licesing objective.

On the 12th August 2022, at 01:21 hours, Sgt James came across an altercation outside Lexx Jerkz Bar. It appeared that customers had been arguing with doormen on the front door, but no persons were willing to speak to the Sgt in relation to what had happened. From the Sgts statement he then spoke to the Council CCTV control room, who advised him that they had observed a male walk away from Lexx Jerkz Bar towards Goodall Street, where he had gone to a vehicle and secrete what they believed to be a weapon in the spare wheel compartment of the boot. The male was detained outside Lexx Jerkz which resulted in a hostile crowd forming. The male was arrested for having possession of a bladed article. Bystanders at this point became more hostile towards the police, filming and shouting in the Sgts face, claiming they were racist. One male described as 50-60 years of age, light skinned Jamaican, slim build wearing dark clothing, was spraying spittle as he shouted, some of which landed on the right hand side of PS Jame's face. Disgusted and wishing to create some distance from this male, he was pushed him back advising him not to continue spitting. This seemed to inflame the situation almost immediately, the male became more aggressive showing signs of aggression clenching fists, leaning forward and saying threatening things, fearing for the officers personal safety, PC James draw Parva spray in preparation to use it against the crowd. He was then joined by further officers. Their presence now helped disperse the crowd. A small bag of herbal cannabis was also found in the vehicle. I produce a copy of the statements within the evidence bundle on page 146 & 148 together with an email from PS James on page 183 relating to this incident.

On Tuesday 16/08/2022 at 13:30 hours PC Dodgson viewed local authority's CCTV alongside Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to the above mentioned offence. In the early hours of Friday

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Crime No. N/A

URN N/A

Statement of Jennifer Mellor

12/08/2022 at 01:17:32 the male later involved in the crimes above, is seen to be ejected from inside of Lexx Bar & Grill. I produce a copy of this statement within your evidence bundle on page 152.

On 24th August 2022 PCSO Dodgson made a phone call to a female following the Local Authority disclosing an alleged offence had been reported to them. This lady confirmed to police she had attended Lexx Bar and Grill where a female known as Priscilla had assaulted her forcing her to defend herself. The date was unknown but at the time of the call, it was over a month ago. The complaint had visited Lexx Bar with a friend where there were some issues with the daughter of an employee of the bar who seemed to take exception to this female and physically assault her. She defended herself, then took her phone out to call the police. The manager of the club told her not to and that he would deal with the situation himself. This person has attempted to go back to the club on another evening but was stopped by the manager who stated, she wasn't welcome. Our complaint did not wish to peruse any further complaint. A crime number was generated on 24th August for an assault without injury. In my belief this is the venue again, self policing their own venue.

On 30th August 2022 at 08:17 hours as part of my duties I was checking the crimes for the previous bank holiday weekend. I noted Sgt James had made the following written comment in relation to Saturday 27th nights trading for Lexx Bar "Usual smell of Cannabis emanating from Lexx Bar, however insufficient officer numbers from 0230 hours to enable a proactive walkthrough. I have spoken to door staff who initially stated they had 122 customers inside, but when challenged about capacity, had forgotten their cap. Melanie has then been on the door and monetarily stated she only had 90 persons inside, but challenged about her door staffs numbers and has then stopped persons entering whilst I have been at their door, stating that the venue was now at capacity and was a one in one out from this time. " A further disregard for Public Safety.

On 1st September 2022 PCSO Dodgson viewed the Local Authority CCTV from the point where the police left the venue to ensure that the "one in one out" direction was being followed which was the case until 02:50 until nine people were allowed entry to the premises by door staff in the following 5 minutes with no customers leaving through the same route. On receipt of this information I emailed the DPS with a copy to West Midlands Fire Service requesting further details. I produce this email as evidence on page 156 in your evidence bundle together with PCSO Dodgson's statement. I did not receive a reply to this email.

West Midlands Police respectfully request the Premise Licence on this occasion be revoked. The police have consistently tried to work with the venue but their lack of communication with police, poor management and evidence of unlawful activity as a clear sign the licensing objectives are not being upheld. West Midlands Police have exhausted the engage, explain and encourage elements of the nationwide 4 E approach

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Witness contact details

URN : / / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name

***Email address:**

***Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent**

Address

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number:

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency :

Gender

Date and place of birth

Ethnicity Code (16+1)

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months)

Witness care

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015*)

Yes No If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet with the crime number on. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (<i>obtained in accordance with local practice</i>) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Child witness cases only. I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |

- *I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.*
- *I understand that my details may be passed to other agencies who can offer me help and support in relation to being a victim of this crime.*

I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. Yes No

Signature..... Date

Parent/guardian signature..... Date

Address

Contact tel no

Supporter signature..... Date

Statement taken by (*print name*): Station:

Time and place statement taken:

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SECTION TWO

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Drugs Policy

1. Purpose and scope

This policy relates to the attempt to use illegal drugs or other harmful substances on Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd premises.

Its purpose is to:

- a) Comply with the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 by ensuring that the Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd does not knowingly permit use or supply of controlled drugs on its premises.
- b) Provide a safe working environment for staff and customers.
- c) Eliminate drug use on our premises.
- d) Prevent drug dealing in Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd.

2. Policy Statement

Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd:

- Will not condone the possession, use or supply of illegal drugs, nor other substances, on our premises.
- Will promote supportive and caring harm minimisation strategies which reduce the risks associated with drug use/misuse.
- Will provide a safe, healthy and supportive environment for staff and customers.
- Will promote knowledge, awareness and understanding to enable staff to make informed choices.

3. Policy in relation to Staff

All staff working at Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd will receive a copy of this policy as part of their induction process. Awareness will be maintained by refresher training at least every 6 months or when changes are introduced following new legislation.

4. Preventing drug use at venues

To prevent drugs being brought onto the premises, it will be a condition of entry to Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd events that customers acknowledge that we conduct a compulsory searching (NO SEARCH NO ENTRY) prior to entry. Searches will be undertaken in a polite and respectful manner by SIA trained members of staff of the same sex as the customer. Where this is refused, the customer will not be allowed entry to the premises.

5. Preventing drug dealing at Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd

All staff working at Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd will be vigilant in monitoring activity. Security staff will regularly monitor key areas within the premises for suspicious activity.

6. Finding Drugs

All suspected drugs incidents will be documented using an incident form.

Given that incidents may vary from finding drugs on customers, finding customers in possession of a small amount of illegal drugs, or finding customers in possession of a large amount of drugs, the procedure to be followed will vary as follows:

- If a customer is found in possession of a small amount of suspected illegal drugs, those drugs are deemed to be for personal use, these will be confiscated and placed in the amnesty bin, If confiscation is refused, then entry will be denied.
- If a customer is found in possession of what is believed to be nitrous oxide, the following will apply:
 - Whilst not an offence, if the customer is in possession of a small quantity (i.e. what could be deemed for personal use) then it will be a condition of entry that the item is confiscated and placed in the amnesty bin. If confiscation is refused, then entry will be denied.
 - If in possession of a larger quantity, suspected to be for distribution, then the items will be confiscated and an incident form completed. Details of the incident, as well as the confiscated items, will be passed to the police.
- If a large amount of suspected illegal drugs is discovered or staff have grounds for suspecting dealing may be taking place on Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd. the police will be called immediately.

7. Penalties

Any customers or staff this includes (security staff, bar staff, kitchen staff and resident or guest DJ) found to be in possession of illegal drugs will be ban. The length of the ban will be in proportion to the incident but would normally be for a minimum of 3 months for customers, however staffs will be subject to an immediate lifetime ban from Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd. Decisions to ban customers will be taken by the DPS after considering all the information available.

8. Keeping customers safe

Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd will have the following activities in place to keep customers safe and minimise harm related to drug use:

- Drinking water will be offered free of charge.
- Staff will be vigilant in identifying anyone who is suffering from the effects of consuming an excessive amount of alcohol or from suspected drug use. In these circumstances, Lexx Jerkz Holding Ltd staff will reserve the right to refuse further alcohol. Where staff believe a customer's well-being is at risk, that customer will be monitored and if necessary arrangements made either for their safe return home or for appropriate medical treatment.
- Sufficiently trained staff will be present at all events. In an emergency staff will call an ambulance and notify the security staff as appropriate. In all such circumstances an incident report form will be completed.

9. Record keeping/notification

Incident log for each weekend will be kept on file and details of any incidents will be made available by no later than 4pm the following working day.



Review papers of:

**BOND STREET TAVERN, Bond Street,
Wolverhampton**

DPS: Derek MINNOTT

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Copies to:

- 1. Wolverhampton City Council Licensing**
- 2. Derek MINNOTT**
- 3. West Midlands Police**





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I Chief Constable of West Midlands 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 Bond Street Tavern Public House 14 Bond Street	
Post town Wolverhampton	Post code (if known) WV2 4AS
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Derrick Ltd	
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 17/00808/PRE	

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)



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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 WPC
(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)

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

Police are defined as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such have a statutory obligation to ensure that licensed premises comply with the requirements of the act and the operating schedule relating to that venue.

The 'Bond Street Tavern' public house is situated on Bond Street, Wolverhampton. It is an inner city centre property, which has a patron capacity of 150. The hours of trading are Sunday to Saturday 10:00 - 04.00 and alcohol sales are between 10:00 and 03.30. This does not include seasonal variations.

An application was made to review the premise licence on 20/4/17

The patron area is on one floor that includes a garden at the rear. There is only one entrance/exit that is situated at the front of the building.

Night time economy checks have been conducted every Friday and Saturday evenings, sometimes officers have walked through the venue, sometimes Mr Minnot has been spoken to on the door of the venue. Risk assessments are conducted at the time taking into consideration the amount of officers present and also any intelligence for a particular event at the location/amount of persons in the premises.

As part of the previous review a knife arch was installed at the venue, to assist in the search policy of patrons entering the premise. This has been utilised and observed
By officers periodically during checks.

I wish to request that the Bond Taverns licence is reviewed and the DPS Derek Minnot current circumstances at the premise also be reviewed due to a serious assault occurring on 25/3/18 within the premise.

A previous review at the premise gave strict conditions to Mr Minnot on the understanding that they would be adhered to in order for the premise to remain under his control and

The premise and his actions would be monitored accordingly.

The previous review also detailed that Mr Minnot be the sole DPS, not in conjunction with Lorraine Heath as previously authorised. Mr Minnot understood that Miss Heaths involvement would not be appropriate.

I can report that during the assault Miss Heath contacted Police to report an incident from the land line of the premise, confirming that she was aware/involved.

These conditions were imposed and recognised by the DPS on numerous occasions, a copy being provided by the DPS detailing policy revised as follows; Dispersal, Drugs, Search and Queueing and Responsible Drinking Policies.

Due to the finding of the premise being over capacity on 9/3/18 requests were made for Mr Minnot to attend the station and bring the Door Supervisors Incident Book in order to be copied and perused. Numerous requests were made by officers and Sgt Reynolds by phone and email requesting Mr Minnots assistance to bring in the door supervisors incident book over a period of a few days.

When Mr Minnot finally attended the Police Station with the aforementioned book a copy was made and the following breaches were noted;

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On 6/1/18 officers attended the location and alerted security staff on the door that a walk through would be conducted. The female security staff immediately ran through the venue, she was followed by officers into the rear garden and a strong smell of cannabis was detected. Officers informed Mr Minnot of this and the walkthrough was captured on the officers body worn camera. There are 2 statements from officers available and will be attached.

On 7/1/18 officers attended the location to conduct a walkthrough and as they approached the female member of security rushed inside the premises and a male security staff member asked the officers to wait, an apparent motion to delay the officers from entering. When they did enter the rear garden people were outside and officers saw an apparent puff of air freshener appear, masking any other smells. Patrons attempted to intimidate officers, filming them and being hostile towards them. The officer informed Mr Minnot of these issues and they were recorded in the incident book.

The incident was captured on the officers body worn camera.

On 11/2/18 door staff have detailed patrons being allowed access into the premise at 0330, breaching the 0300hrs last admittance detailed.

On 16/2/18 door staff have detailed patrons being allowed access into the premise at 0330, breaching the 0300hrs last admittance detailed.

On 18/2/18 incident book appears to have been changed to accommodate correct capacity of patrons at the premise.

On 23/2/18 the incident book has been changed detailing number of patrons at the venue.

On 24/2/18 the incident book number of patrons do not add up.

On 25/2/18 the incident book has been changed and the numbers do not add up. The numbers are massively out therefore raising cause for concern.

On 2/3/18 incident book number of patrons has again been changed making them illegible.

On 3/3/18 the records appear to have been changed from 0430 to 0400hrs, in accordance with licensing times of closure at 0400hrs and two door staff came on duty at 0010hrs, not midnight as detailed.

Breaching licence conditions detailing 5 door staff from midnight.

Mr Minnott stated to the attending officer that he had 176 persons on the premises at that time.

On 4/3/18 a walkthrough by Police was logged by staff and a smell of cannabis brought to Mr Minnots attention but not attributable to any patrons at that time.

On 9th into the 10/3/18 (approximately 0245hrs) officers attended and requested to speak to Mr Minnot at the doorway of the venue, a walk through was not conducted. When asked how many patrons were at inside the venue, Mr Minnot stated 176. This is over capacity as the maximum is 150 when there is no TENS in place.

The door supervisors incident book states at 0200hrs there were 160 people and at 0300hrs 179 people were there.

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On 10/3/18 the records were changed for two of the door staffs starting times from 0030hrs to 0000hrs. Breaching licence conditions detailing 5 door staff from midnight. The records again appear to have been changed from 0030 to 0000 for two of the door staff. A smell of cannabis was found by staff but not attributed to any patrons.

On 10th into 11/3/18 incident book details entries by patrons at 0400hrs and 0500hrs, last entry is detailed as 0300 on the licence. There was a TEN in place for this date, therefore patrons numbers/opening times were extended and no breach had occurred.

On 23/3/18 incident book details that at 0300hrs the venue was over capacity, showing 161 patrons and at 0400hrs it appears that there is a number of patrons allowed entry, again breaching.

On 24th into 25/3/18 incident book details a minor incident regarding a cigarette.

At 0207hrs (0307hrs due to time difference imposed) an incident was detailed, this is verbatim from the incident book;

Patron 1 forced his way past security to gain entry, was however searched but still gained entry and appeared to have an object hid in his shoes which he retrieved from his shoes after passing security. Patron 1 appeared to have an argument with another male, patron 2. On CCTV it appears that Patron 2 was wounded and as a result retaliated, as a result causing Patron 1 to fall with object in his hand causing an injury to a female patron.

This has highlighted a situation causing concern regarding staff seeing a patron retrieve something from his shoes, once in the venue and staff not addressing this at the time.

5. 18 WOUNDING 20WV/66436A/18

On 25/3/18 between 0340 and 0344hrs a wounding occurred on the dancefloor of the premise between two males, and a female, not known to the males. An altercation ensued between the males, the female injured party was stood right next to both males and she describes how she saw them grappling, one male being on the floor and the other male over him. She states that Security did not come over, the fight seemed to break up and they both disappeared. The injured party then felt a trickle down her left leg, she realised it was blood and saw a laceration about 13cm below her knee, with exposed fatty tissue. She immediately felt light headed and tried to elevate her leg to stop the bleeding. A friend of the injured party was screaming at bar staff that the injured party had been stabbed and eventually staff came over to her and some of the security, The lights eventually came on and people were cleared. The injured parties friend called an ambulance and they arrived with the Police.

At 0344hrs a member of staff, Serena, rang 999 and stated that someone had been stabbed but no other details were provided. The log details a lot of disorder was heard on the open line.

At 0347hrs a 999 call was made from L Heath from a landline number at the location, reporting that someone had been injured but could not give any further details. The log was then matched with the previous call at 0344hrs as a call back to the number proved fruitless.

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At 0356 hrs officers arrived and the log details that a fight had occurred and a female had got inbetween them and being injured in the process.

Officers described the scene as being on the dancefloor, there was blood but there was a large number of footprints, indicating that people had walked through the blood, therefore contaminating the scene due to the amount of people in the venue. Officers also detailed that when they enquired with staff what had occurred they were met with obstructive staff members and one door staff said "NO COMMENT" when officers enquired what had occurred.

Mr Minnot has been given ample time to conform with requests and to the required standard as a DPS. He has clear disregard for the Licensing objectives set out at the last review and it is clear that he is incapable of adhering to these, failing to prevent Crime and Disorder at the premise where a serious assault occurred between patrons and as detailed in his door supervisors incident book, failure to protect the public by allowing the offender entry, seeing him take something from his shoes and not apprehending him.

He is not fit to be a DPS in any capacity, works minimally with Police as do his doorstaff.

West Midlands Police are in full support of local and independent businesses such as the 'Bond Street Tavern', however we cannot continue to support this venue where there is a total disregard of the licensing objectives. Activity at the venue presents a serious risk to public safety. The venue management will state that they believe they are already doing all that they can to meet the licensing objectives of public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

The venue has had ample opportunities to meet the licensing objectives and a failure to do so have left the police with no option but to seek a full revocation of its license and the removal of Mr Minnot as the Designated Premises Supervisor.

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

Please tick ✓ yes



If yes please state the date of that application

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

11th June 2013 (in previous name of The Greyhound) – License revoked

Review on 18th and 19th October 2018

Please tick ✓

- 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

yes

Please tick ✓

- 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, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

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

[Handwritten Signature]

Date

28/03/18

Capacity

Police Officer

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.

Jayne Meir C/Supt.

x (Signed) (Date) 28.03.18
Statutory Form For Applying For A Summary Licence Review Annex B

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

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I **JAYNE MEIR C/SUPT.** [on behalf of] the chief officer of police for the **WEST MIDLANDS** 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 if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:
BOND STREET TAVERN
14 BOND STREET
Post town: **WOLVERHAMPTON**
Post code (if known): **WV2 4AS**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): **MR DEREK MINNOTT**
Number of premises licence holder (if known): **17/00808/PRE**

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 disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)

[insert name and address of police force]

WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL
POLICE STATION
BILSTON STREET
W'TON, WV1 3AA
Annex A

Example Form

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime / serious disorder / both serious crime and serious disorder³.

Premises⁴: BOND STREET TAVERN
11 BOND STREET
W'TON, WV2 4AS

Premises licence number (if known): 17/00808/PRE

Name of premises supervisor (if known): MR DEREK MINNOTT

I am a ~~CHIEF SUPERINTENDANT~~ CHIEF SUPERINTENDANT in the WEST MIDLANDS POLICE police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because⁶:

1. PREVIOUS REVIEW IN NOVEMBER 2017.
2. HAS BREACHED SINCE CONSENT ORDER WAS GRANTED.
3. VERY RECENT INCIDENT OF A STABBING INSIDE THE VENUE WHERE AN INNOCENT MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC GAINED A SERIOUS INJURY.
4. LACK OF REGARD TO LICENSING OBJECTIVES.

³ Delete as applicable.

⁴ Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

⁵ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁶ 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.



4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

- 1. SMELL OF CANNABIS CONSTANTLY IN THE VENUE
- 2. OVER CAPACITY
- 3. DOOR STAFF NUMBERS BREACHED
- 4. S18 WOUNDING. STAB WOUND TO INNER THIGH OF VICTIM. THIS HAPPENED ON THE DANCEFLOOR. NO OPS OR DOORSTAFF ASSISTED INITIALLY DESPITE SEEING IT.

X Signature of applicant:

Date: 28/03/18

Capacity: CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

J. Meir (Signature)

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address: WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL POLICE STATION
BILSTON STREET
W'TON, WV1 3AA

Telephone number(s): 101 EXTENSION:- 8713194

Email: J.MEIR@WEST-MIDLANDS.PNN.POLICE.UK

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:

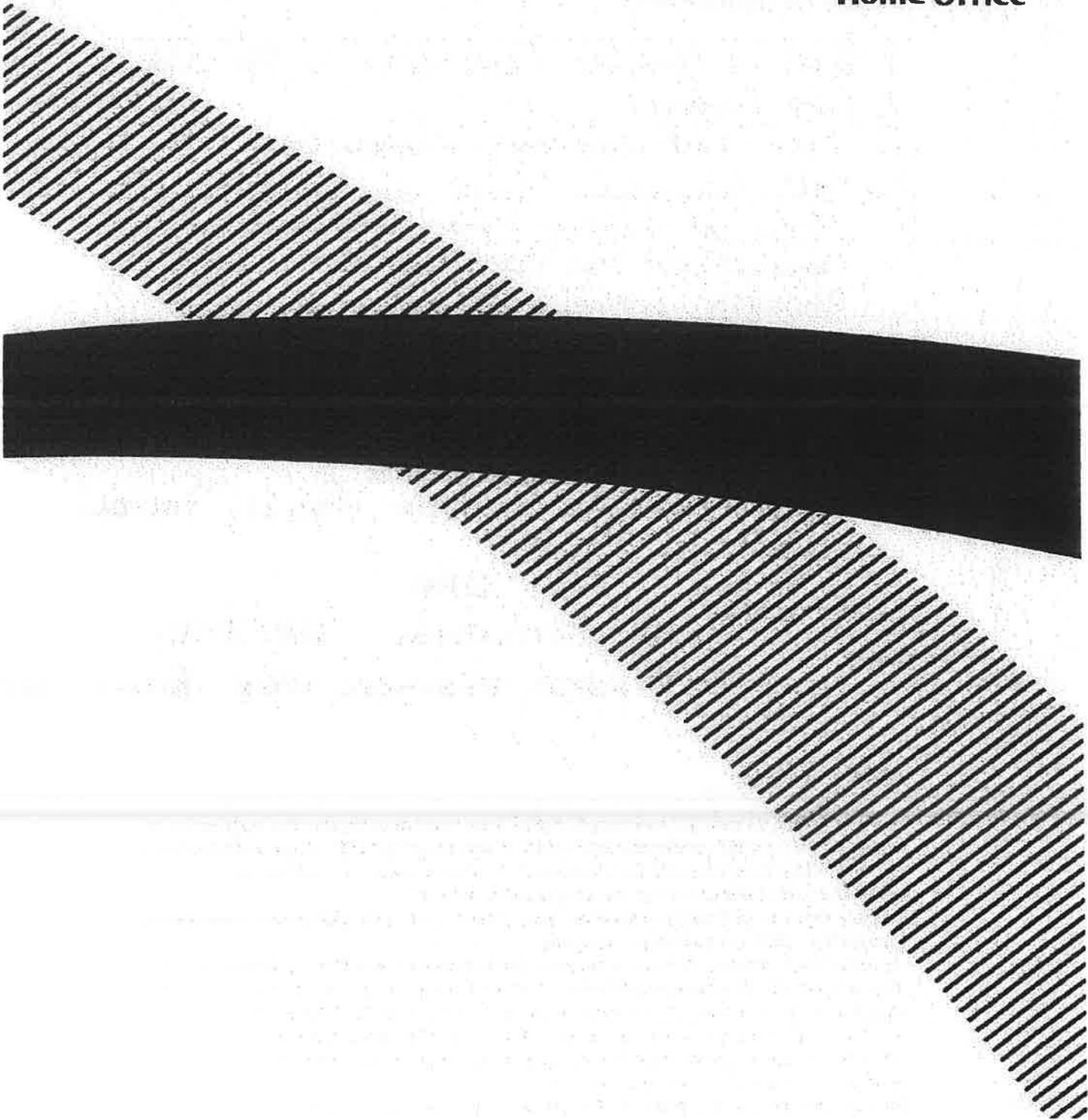
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and 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.



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CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

25 April 2018

DECISION NOTICE – PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW

Date: 25 April 2018

An application was made by the West Midlands Police for a review of the premises licence in respect of The Bond Street Tavern, Bond Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton WV2 4AS.

At the hearing to review the Premises Licence, the Licensing Sub-Committee listened carefully to all representations made by the persons who spoke at the hearing and considered all the evidence presented.

The Sub-Committee heard from the West Midlands Police that:

1. Following a serious crime relating to a serious incident which occurred on the dance floor inside the premises in the early hours of the morning on 25 March 2018 the West Midlands Police applied to the Licensing Authority for an expedited summary review of the premises licence. The hearing took place on 29 March 2018. Due to the serious nature of the incident, the Licensing Sub-Committee determined to suspend the premises licence pending a full review of the licence, in accordance with Section 53 of the Licensing Act 2003. This was the reason the Sub-Committee was convened today.
2. CCTV footage was shown of the incident on 25 March 2018. This related to the wounding which occurred on the premises. Written and oral evidence from West Midlands Police together with the CCTV footage revealed that a male wearing a Nike jacket arrived at the premises, pushed passed a security guard, passed through a knife arch, resisted search at a second point and entered the premises. He then removed an item from his footwear which was believed to be a weapon and sometime later became involved in an altercation with a second male which led to the wounding of an innocent female and the second male.
3. In February 2017 the West Midlands Police applied to review the premises licence of the Bond Street Tavern on the basis they believed there was crime and disorder at the premises. The LSC heard that A Misuse of Drugs warrant was obtained and on attending the premises in February 2017 the police seized 17 different types of drugs and two weapons. Based upon the

evidence presented the Sub-Committee determined to revoke the premises licence.

4. The premises appealed the decision to revoke to the Wolverhampton Magistrates Court and the matter was listed for hearing before the Court on 18 October 2017. At Court terms were agreed between the parties and a Consent Order signed, which detailed modified conditions of licence which essentially required the premises to maintain several policies, to include one relating to search procedures, and submit these to the Licensing Authority and West Midlands Police.
5. A summary of continuing issues outlined by the police today included concern relating to:
 - Cannabis on the premises. During numerous visits by West Midlands Police between January 2017 and March 2018 there had been a strong smell of cannabis on the premises.
 - There had been breach of licence conditions to include failure to display SIA badges (Jan 2017), failure to monitor patron numbers on the premises (Jan, Feb, March 2017), operating outside licensable hours, inadequate record keeping (March 2017), entries over written in record books, failure to record in incidents book, inadequate searching of patrons when entering the premises, hostility and obstructive behaviour whilst dealing with the police and during the incident on 25.3.18 the head of security refused to tell police officers what was going on.
 - Three instances of disorder in 2017 and the incident of wounding in March 2018.
 - Problems had continued despite continued advice and support from West Midlands Police.
6. There was concern about inadequate search procedures which had led to the violent incident on the premises.
7. There was evidence that gang nominals had been at the premises.
8. There had been repeated failings at the premises. There was no confidence in the management structure. In accordance with the Guidance under s182 LA 2003, where serious crime had occurred on the premises and the crime prevention licensing objective was being undermined, revocation should be considered on a first occasion. Therefore, in promoting the prevention of crime and public safety licensing objectives, revocation of the licence was appropriate.

The Sub-Committee heard from Elaine Moreton, Licensing Authority (as Responsible Authority), that she had attended this hearing to support the application made by the West Midlands Police and that the premises licence should be revoked.

The Sub-Committee heard from Parpinder Singh, Public Health (as Responsible Authority), that he had attended this hearing to support the application made by the West Midlands Police.

The Sub-Committee heard from the Premises Licence Holder (PLH) and his legal representative, that:

1. A knife could be made of metal or ceramic material and if not metal it would be difficult to detect.
2. The police had said it was difficult to know who was in possession of drugs. It was also difficult for the PLH to determine this.
3. How would the PLH know who, as a gang member, should be banned from the premises.
4. The PLH had cooperated fully with the police and his livelihood was now at stake. He accepted he was responsible for the premises and proposed to employ a new security firm and would install improved technology to assist with search procedures.
5. It was believed the drugs policy did work.
6. The Sub-Committee could determine to remove Mr Minot as Designated Premises Supervisor but he was familiar with the requirements of the premises.

The Licensing Sub-Committee was satisfied on the evidence that:

1. There had been significant breaches of licence conditions and failure to comply with provisions of the Licensing Act.
2. Search procedures were inadequate.
3. There had been serious crime on the premises (wounding), and it was likely other criminal activity had occurred on the premises to include allowing patrons to smoke and use drugs.

These actions did not promote the licensing objectives.

Therefore, based upon the above and having regard to the application and relevant representations made, the Sub-Committee decided to revoke the licence in accordance with Section 53C of the Licensing Act 2003.

The above action was considered an appropriate and proportionate action for the promotion of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety licensing objectives.

An appeal may be made to the Magistrates' Court against the decision, by the applicant, the holder of the premises licence, or any other person who made a relevant representation, within 21 days from the date of receipt of written notice of this decision.

Representations had been invited in relation to the Interim steps currently in place. The West Midlands Police had stated that if there was a different business model in place with restricted trading hours, not requiring such extensive search procedures, then the current steps may not be necessary. However, there is no such business model.

Section 53D makes provision for the review of interim steps that have been taken by the relevant licensing authority under section 53B, before a decision under section 53C comes into effect. Having considered whether interim steps were appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives and any relevant representations, the Licensing Authority have determined that the current interim steps should remain, that being suspension of the premises licence.

In accordance with Section 53D(5) of the Licensing Act 2003, the interim steps put in place following the hearing on 29 March 2018 will cease to have effect from the coming into effect of the decision on review today. A decision under section 53D may also be appealed.

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

29 March 2018

DECISION NOTICE – EXPEDITED SUMMARY REVIEW

Date: 29 March 2018

An application was received from the West Midlands Police on 28 March 2018 for an expedited review of the Premises Licence in respect of the Bond Street Tavern, 14 Bond Street, Wolverhampton, WV2 4AS.

The Chief of Police has given a certificate under Section 53A (1) (b) of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act), stating that in their opinion the premises are associated with serious crime and disorder and have requested that interim steps be applied to the premises licence pending a full review hearing.

We have heard from the applicant (West Midlands Police) that:

1. There is concern about search procedures in that sufficient searching of patrons is not taking place which has led to a violent incident at the premises.
2. On 25 March 2018 between 03:40 and 03:44 hours a wounding occurred on the dance floor at the premises. At 02:02 (03:02) a male wearing a Nike jacket arrived at the premises, pushed past a security guard, passed through a knife arch, resisted search at a second point, and enters the premises. He then removes an item from his footwear which is believed to be a weapon and sometime later became involved in an altercation with a second male which leads to the wounding of the innocent female. The Licensing Sub-Committee (LSC) have viewed CCTV footage of the incident.
3. On that evening the staff at the premises were not cooperative and would not give statements to the police.
4. They are not comfortable the premises can continue trading between now and the full review hearing.
5. They request suspension of the licence. The only acceptable condition should the LSC wish to modify would be for the premises not to trade after midnight, making searching unnecessary.

We have heard from Mr Thomas, representing the Premises Licence Holder that:

1. The premises have been subject to a great deal of scrutiny recently and terms agreed at Court during the appeal suggest it was accepted that measures were in place and would be added to further the Licensing objectives and this included producing and sharing search policies with the police.
2. There has been engagement between the premises and police.
3. The premises have, following the incident, cooperated with the West Midlands Police. They have provided CCTV footage, broken it down and provided a narrative.
4. The premises accept that on 25 March 2018 the search process broke down not helped by the removal of a turnstile, used to filter patrons on entry, at the request of the highways authority.
5. The premises do have good search policies.
6. On the night of the incident the Premises Licence Holder/ Designated Premises Supervisor (PLH/DPS) did all he could.
7. The perpetrator is not known to the PLH.
8. They invite the LSC to modify conditions of the licence to include further provisions relating to the search policy, ongoing training for staff, and ensuring a first aid trained member of staff is on site at all times.

The LSC considered only evidence relating to the incident on 25 March 2018.

The Act and Home Office Guidance state that the tests to determine the kinds of conduct that amount to serious crime are set out in Section 81(2) and (3) (a) and (b) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. These tests include conduct which constitutes an offence for which a person could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years or more; and involves the use of violence.

The LSC have received the certificate from the Chief of Police and received confirmation at the meeting today that serious crime and disorder exists at the premises. Mr Thomas, Solicitor for the PLH states this is not in dispute.

The Sub-Committee are satisfied that a serious crime has occurred at the premises.

They are further satisfied that serious disorder has occurred on the premises. Serious disorder is to be given it's plain ordinary meaning.

Based upon the evidence presented, consideration has been given as to whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending determination of the review (s53C LA2003). The LSC are satisfied that interim steps are necessary. In accordance with Section 53B (3) (d) of the Licensing Act 2003, the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee is to suspend the premises licence pending the full review hearing.



Termination of a Director Appointment

Company Name: **LEXX JERKZ LIMITED**

Company Number: **12451486**



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Termination Details

Date of termination: **08/07/2022**

Name: **MELANIE JORDAN**

Authorisation

Authenticated

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Director, Secretary, Person Authorised, Liquidator, Administrator, Administrative Receiver, Receiver, Receiver manager, Charity Commission Receiver and Manager, CIC Manager, Judicial Factor.



**Notice of ceasing to be a person
with significant control (PSC)**

Company Name: **LEXX JERKZ LIMITED**
Company Number: **12451486**



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Cessation Details

Date ceased: **03/08/2022**

Name: **DERRICK MINOTT**

Register entry date

Register entry date **03/08/2022**

Authorisation

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**Notice of Individual Person
with Significant Control**

Company Name: **LEXX JERKZ LIMITED**
Company Number: **12451486**



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Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: **02/08/2022**

Notification Details

Date that person became **02/08/2022**
registrable:

Name: **MISS SHARLENE THOMPSON**

Service Address: **75 BRIDGE STREET
WALSALL
ENGLAND
WS1 1JQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: ****/01/1980**

Nationality: **JAMAICAN**

Nature of control

The person holds, directly or indirectly, more than 50% but less than 75% of the shares in the company.

The person holds, directly or indirectly, more than 50% but less than 75% of the voting rights in the company.

Register entry date

Register entry date **02/08/2022**

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Change of individual person with significant control (PSC) details

Company Name: **LEXX JERKZ LIMITED**

Company Number: **12451486**



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Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: **16/03/2020**

Details Prior to Change

Name: **DERRICK MINOTT**

Date of Birth: ****/01/1980**

New Details

Date of Change: **07/03/2020**

New Nature of control

The person holds, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the shares in the company.

The person holds, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the voting rights in the company.

Register entry date

Register entry date **07/03/2020**

Authorisation

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December 1973

CLUB LEXX LTD (11816145)

Company status **Active**

Correspondence address **75 Bridge Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 1JQ**

Role Active **Director**

Appointed on **11 November 2021**

Nationality **Jamaican**

Country of residence **United Kingdom**

Occupation **Managing Director**

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Appointment of Director

Company Name: **CLUB LEXX LTD**

Company Number: **11816145**



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Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: **11/11/2021**

New Appointment Details

Date of Appointment: **11/11/2021**

Name: **MX LEXX JERKZ LTD**

The company confirms that the person named has consented to act as a director.

Service Address: **75 BRIDGE STREET
WALSALL
UNITED KINGDOM
WS1 1JQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: ****/12/1973**

Nationality: **JAMAICAN**

Occupation: **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Authorisation

Authenticated

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Change of Particulars for Director

Company Name: **LEXX JERKZ HOLDING LTD**

Company Number: **12816746**



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Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: **16/09/2021**

Details Prior to Change

Original name: **MR DERRICK MINOTT**

Date of Birth: ****/01/1980**

New Details

Date of Change: **03/09/2021**

The usual residential address of this person has not changed

Nationality: **JAMAICAN**

Authorisation

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**Change of individual person with
significant control (PSC) details**

Company Name: **LEXX JERKZ HOLDING LTD**
Company Number: **12816746**



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Details Prior to Change

Name: **MR DERRICK MINOTT**
Date of Birth: ****/01/1980**

New Details

Date of Change: **03/09/2021**
New Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**
New Nationality: **JAMAICAN**

Register entry date

Register entry date **03/09/2021**

Authorisation

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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF A
PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY**

Company Number **14240414**

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

LEXX JERKZ GROUP LTD

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by shares, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on **18th July 2022**



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Companies House

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Application to register a company



Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: 15/07/2022

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Company Name in full: **LEXX JERKZ GROUP LTD**

Company Type: **Private company limited by shares**

Situation of Registered Office: **England and Wales**

Proposed Registered Office Address: **71-75 SHELTON STREET
COVENT GARDEN
LONDON
UNITED KINGDOM WC2H 9JQ**

Sic Codes: **56101
56103
56210
56301**

Proposed Officers

Company Director *1*

Type: **Person**

Full Forename(s): **MR DERRICK**

Surname: **MINOTT**

Service Address: **71-75 SHELTON STREET
COVENT GARDEN
LONDON
UNITED KINGDOM WC2H 9JQ**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: ****/01/1980** *Nationality:* **JAMAICAN**

Occupation: **DIRECTOR**

The subscribers confirm that the person named has consented to act as a director.

Statement of Capital (Share Capital)

<i>Class of Shares:</i>	ORDINARY	<i>Number allotted</i>	75
<i>Currency:</i>	GBP	<i>Aggregate nominal value:</i>	75
<i>Prescribed particulars</i>			

FULL RIGHTS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF, ATTEND AND VOTE AT GENERAL MEETINGS. ONE SHARE CARRIES ONE VOTE, AND FULL RIGHTS TO DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL DISTRIBUTIONS (INCLUDING UPON WINDING UP).

Statement of Capital (Totals)

<i>Currency:</i>	GBP	<i>Total number of shares:</i>	75
		<i>Total aggregate nominal value:</i>	75
		<i>Total aggregate unpaid:</i>	75

Initial Shareholdings

Name: **DERRICK MINOTT**

Address **71-75 SHELTON STREET
COVENT GARDEN
LONDON
UNITED KINGDOM
WC2H 9JQ**

Class of Shares: **ORDINARY**

Number of shares: **75**

Currency: **GBP**

*Nominal value of each
share:* **1**

Amount unpaid: **1**

Amount paid: **0**

Persons with Significant Control (PSC)

Statement of initial significant control

On incorporation, there will be someone who will count as a Person with Significant Control (either a registerable person or relevant legal entity (RLE)) in relation to the company

Individual Person with Significant Control details

Names: **DERRICK MINOTT**

Country/State Usually Resident: **UNITED KINGDOM**

Date of Birth: ****/01/1980** *Nationality:* **JAMAICAN**

Service Address: **71-75 SHELTON STREET
COVENT GARDEN
LONDON
UNITED KINGDOM
WC2H 9JQ**

The subscribers confirm that each person named as an individual PSC in this application knows that their particulars are being supplied as part of this application.

Nature of control **The person holds, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the shares in the company.**

Nature of control **The person holds, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the voting rights in the company.**

Nature of control **The person has the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint or remove a majority of the board of directors of the company.**

Statement of Compliance

I confirm the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with.

Name: **DERRICK MINOTT**
Authenticated **YES**

Authorisation

Authoriser Designation: **subscriber** Authenticated **YES**

COMPANY HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

Memorandum of Association of LEXX JERKZ GROUP LTD

Each subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company and to take at least one share.

Name of each subscriber	Authentication
DERRICK MINOTT	Authenticated Electronically

Dated: 15/07/2022

**URGENT – PROHIBITION NOTICE – ACTION REQUIRED
REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005: ARTICLE 31**

To: LEXX JERKZ LTD

(As the responsible person / person having control of the premises)

Address: 75 Bridge Street Walsall WS1 1JQ

Premises to which this Notice relates: LEXX JERKZ BAR AND GRILL 75 Bridge Street Walsall WS1 1JQ

The West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority is of the opinion that use of the premises to which this notice relates involves a risk to people so serious that use of the premises ought to be restricted.

<p>The use of premises to which this notice relates is restricted to the following extent:</p>	<p>The Inside bar area must not be occupied by any more than 60 persons at any one time. The outside area (including the covered smoking shelter and beer garden beyond that), must not be occupied by any more than 60 persons (in total), at any one time,</p>
<p>Matter(s) which give rise to that risk are:</p>	<p>The means of escape from the premises (including fire exits and escape routes) are not suitably designed to allow safe egress in the event of a fire, by any more persons than described above.</p>
<p>The measures which must be taken to remedy the matters are:</p>	<p>Provide fire exits and escape routes that are suitably designed, including additional fire exits and provide all of those fire exits and escape routes so that they open in the direction of escape and are wide enough.</p>

The restriction takes effect immediately.

The premises are restricted as stated until the specified matters have been remedied and the Fire Authority has officially withdrawn the notice.

Signed: WCP [Signature] Dated: 6/10/21

On behalf of and duly appointed by the West Midlands Fire & Rescue Authority

Notes to accompany Prohibition Notice

- 1 You can legally appeal to this notice (under article 35 of the said Order). You must appeal 'to the magistrates' court, for the area in which the premises is situated', within 21 days from the date shown on the notice. Bringing an appeal does not have the effect of suspending this notice, unless the court so directs.
- 2 It is an offence for any person to fail to comply with the terms of this notice under Article 32(2)(h) of the Order. The offender is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine, imprisonment, or both.
- 3 In any proceedings for an offence referred to in Note 2 where the commission of an offence is due to the act or default of some other person, then that person is guilty of the offence, and may be charged with and convicted of the offence.
- 4 Nothing in the Order operates to afford an employer a defence in any criminal proceedings for a contravention by an employee.
- 5 Subject to Note 2, it is a defence for the person charged to prove that he/she took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence. The defence does not apply to a failure to comply with article 8(a) (Duty to take general fire precautions) or article 12 (Elimination or reduction of risks from dangerous substances).
- 6 If proceedings for an offence consisting of a failure to comply with a duty or requirement so far as is practicable or so far as is reasonably practicable, it is for the accused to prove that it was not practicable or reasonably practicable to do more than was in fact done to satisfy the duty or requirement.
- 7 Please note that in order to satisfy the "Environment and Safety Information Act 1988" the Fire and Rescue Authority must enter details of any prohibition notice onto a register to which the public have access. If you feel that such an entry would disclose secret or confidential trade or manufacturing information then you should appeal in writing to the authority within fourteen days of the service of this notice.
- 8 The works or actions specified in the notice are intended to reduce the excessive risk (to a level at which the risk is not so serious). More safety may be required to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. The Fire and Rescue Authority served this notice without prejudice to any other enforcement action that this or any other enforcement authority might take.
- 9 The Fire and Rescue Authority is willing to consider any proposals you may have to remedy the matters specified in the notice by other means.

Jennifer Mellor

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 18 February 2022 16:25
To: Jennifer Mellor; Sarah Heath
Cc: Lorelle Tolley; Jodi Vincent; Warren Davies
Subject: [External]: Appeal of prohibition notice Lexx Jerkz Bridge st Walsall

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Hi all

Today I attended court to respond to the appeal of the prohibition notice served upon Lexx Jerks Ltd ,which restricted the safe capacity of the premises to 60 person inside and 60 persons outside.

The court refused the appeal and the notice remains in force.

The appellant was required to pay costs to WMFS of almost £4000.00 and was directed that they must continue to comply with the terms of the notice.

Thank you to everyone for your assistance in this matter, it is much appreciated.

Regards

Neil Aston-Baugh

Fire Safety Officer -LEEPS Team
Tipton Fire Station
Alexandra Road
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Jennifer Mellor

From: Sarah Heath [REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk>
Sent: 10 September 2021 10:50
To: mel.lexxjerkz@gmail.com
Cc: [REDACTED]; Jennifer Mellor
Subject: [External]: Lexx bar and grill

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Hi Melanie

Hope you are keeping well.

Further to our meeting we discussed the noise being an issue and asked that you turn down the volume of the music however over the past few weekends I have received a number of complaints still about the level of the noise from the premises. The noise appears to be coming from the front entrance which I think from our meeting is where you advised the DJ is situated. Please could you ensure that he/she turns down the music to a more reasonable level so that this is not causing an issue to local residents. The noise recordings I have received from people indicates that it is too loud. We will be doing some monitoring as we agreed with Nick at our meeting we are just trying to sort out times and dates and staff to work the weekends so we can come over and speak to you if we feel that it is still too loud. I think the main issue is that with the door being the open the noise from the front of the building is just coming straight out the front onto Bridge Street.

Please could you ensure that the noise is brought down to a more reasonable level and we can monitor and see how things go over this weekend. Your doorstaff may be able to assist as they are situated right outside the door and as advised if they are struggling to hear people then that's a good indicator that it is too loud. As advised it is usually the base that is the main issue however the noise level as a whole that I have heard so far is too much.

As always if there are any questions then please let me know and we can try and look at how we can work together to assist.

We would like to pop over and see you again as we discussed and wondered if you would be around either the morning or afternoon of the 28 September. We are already in town for another meeting at 12 noon so that would be great if we could meet up and see how things are going.

Hope to speak to you soon.

Regards

Sarah

Sarah Heath-Marshall **ICA QA(RCO)**

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Sent: 22 September 2021 13:20
To: Melanie Jordan
Cc: Jennifer Mellor
Subject: [External]: lexx bar and grill

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Hi Melanie

I've received further complaints from last weekend with noise recordings attached in regards to the music from the bar both at the front and the back. The main issue appeared to have been Sunday night into Monday morning again the noise from the music that has been sent through is really loud again.

I don't know who is on duty or who is on the DJ/Sound System but it would appear that after about 1 or 2 am the noise is significantly turned up. I am trying to arrange for us to be out one weekend but as I'm sure you are aware with the issues on Bridge Street at the moment we are unable to attend without Police support and this is hard to have after midnight when most of our neighbourhood officers have gone off duty.

Please can you ensure that whoever is on duty keeps the noise down to a reasonable level both from the inside of the front of the premises and the speakers on the outside to the rear of the premises.

I have some recordings which I am going to share with you on Tuesday so that you can hear the sort of thing we are being sent through and understand why we having the complaints we are having.

I hope we can resolve the issues with the noise and we can discuss further on Tuesday when we come out to see you.

As always if there are any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Sarah

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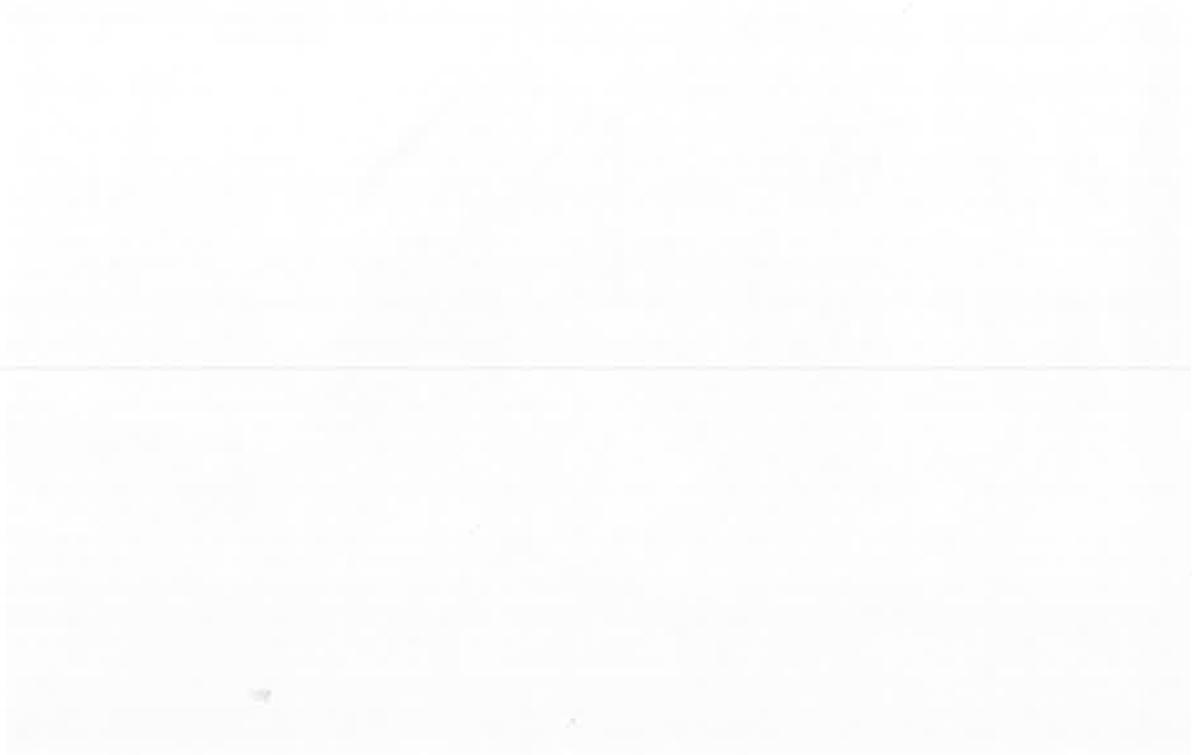
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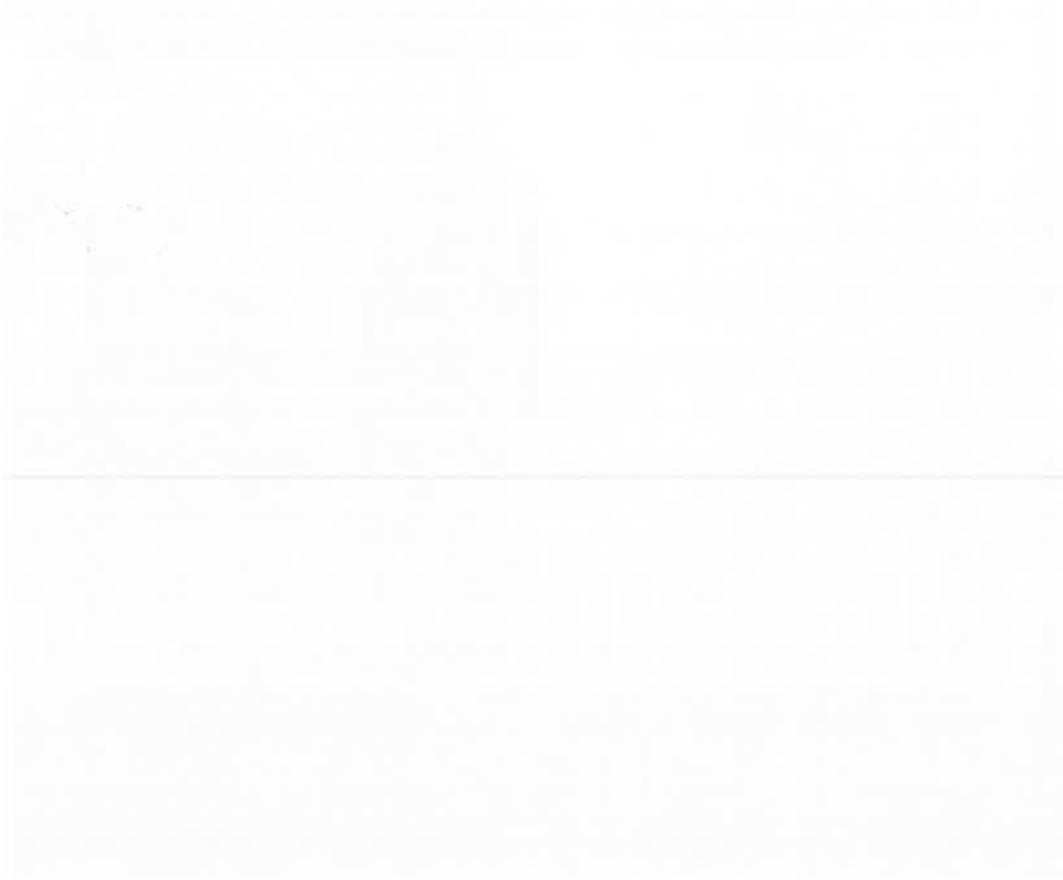
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Mellony Jordan
C/o Lexx Jerkz Bar & Grill
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Your Ref:
Our Ref: WK/202115394
Date: 5th November 2021
Please ask for: Rishi Bawa
Direct Line/Mob: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk

Dear Madam,

Re: Lexx Jerkz Bar & Grill Rear Smoking Shelter – First Written Warning

I refer to the recent visit to the above premises by myself and my colleague Paul Heaven in connection with information received from West Midlands Police relating to smoking taking place in the rear marquee. Having inspected the marquee and adjoining area, I can confirm it does not comply with the current legislation.

Under The Health Act 2006, smoking shelters must be at least 50% open-sided. The smoking shelter at your premises does not comply in that it is less than 50% open and is therefore substantially enclosed.

You are committing an offence under S8(4) of The Health Act 2006 by allowing people to smoke in it. Alterations must be carried out to the shelter in order to make it at least 50% open sided, or otherwise discontinue with its use for this purpose.

As the person responsible for the implementation of this legislation, there are a number of simple steps that you can take to help demonstrate your compliance.

- 1) It is strongly recommended that you establish and implement a written policy and set out clear procedures to deal with smoking in a smoke-free place. I have attached a draft smoke-free policy at the end of this letter.
- 2) You should ensure that your staff are trained on both your smoke-free policy and written procedures for dealing with smoking and they fully understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to implementation.
- 3) It is also advised that you keep a written record of any incident where an individual smokes on the premises in contravention of the legislation, together with the action taken by members of the staff and the outcome.
- 4) Ashtrays and other such receptacles should not be present inside smoke-free premises.

5) You should ensure the correct legally prescribed signage is clearly displayed.

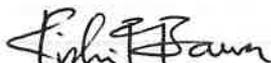
I must inform you that by failing to prevent smoking in a smoke-free place you are currently committing an offence under the Health Act 2006, Section 8 (4).

Failure to comply with the requirements of this letter may result in a fine of up to £2,500 upon prosecution in court.

If you would like to discuss this letter, please contact me on the above telephone number. In the meantime, further information can be found at www.walsall.gov.uk

Please refer to the enclosed Fact Sheet for further guidance.

Yours faithfully,



Rishi Bawa
Environmental Health Officer

Cc: Letter & Fact Sheet sent by Email to: mel@walsall.gov.uk

Enc: Fact Sheet

SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Purpose

This policy has been developed to protect all employees, service users, customers and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to second-hand smoke, also known as passive smoking, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

Policy

It is the policy of *[INSERT NAME OF BUSINESS]* that all of our workplaces are smoke-free and all employees have a right to work in a smoke-free environment. The policy shall come into effect on *[INSERT DATE]* and be reviewed on *[INSERT DATE]* by *[INSERT NAME]*.

Smoking is prohibited throughout the entire workplace, with no exceptions. This includes company vehicles.

This policy applies to all employees, consultants, contractors, customers or members and visitors.

[IF THERE ARE EXTERNAL AREAS WHERE EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS CAN SMOKE, THESE SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND CAN BE OUTLINED HERE]

Implementation

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with *[NAME]* (the manager or person in control of the premises). All staff are obliged to adhere to, and facilitate the implementation of the policy. The person named above shall inform all existing employees, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. They will also have to give all new personnel a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction. Appropriate "No smoking" signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to the premises and in all smoke-free vehicles.

Non-compliance

Local disciplinary procedure will be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoking law may be also liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

Provision for smokers

Research shows that smoke-free workplaces help smokers to give up or reduce the amount they smoke; however, some people will still want to smoke during working hours and many will find it very difficult to cut down or stop. Each organisation will deal with this issue differently depending on the culture and the nature of the work. However, from Summer 2007, no smoking can take place at all inside an enclosed building, so any permitted smoking area will have to be outside. Employers and staff should discuss and negotiate sensible arrangements for staff who want to smoke. Provision will have to be made for ash and cigarette ends. If smoking is permitted outside in designated areas, consideration will need to be given to how often and for how long smokers may take breaks.

The NHS Walsall Stop Smoking Service offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. The service can be contacted on 0800 169 9346

Signed: Date:

Position within Company:

SECTION THREE

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Walsall Council

Community Protection



Our Ref: **WS/PRL/1037**

Date: 23 August 2021

Officer: J Mellor/S Heath-Marshall

Email: [REDACTED]@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk

Dear Melanie

Lezz Bar and Grill Bridge Street, Walsall Licence Number WS/PRL/1037

Further to our meeting last Monday to discuss operating concerns at the bar and the application to vary the DPS, Sarah and I believe we had a positive and productive meeting.

West Midlands Police still have concerns with you being the DPS based on past performance as a Premise License Holder however, as promise, I have informed the council West Midlands Police will not be making any representations at this point. I have however informed the council that should the incidents/breaches continue or the venue decides not to continue to work with the Police/Council, it would be at that point enforcement would be considered by way of a formal Review of the licence. The email to the council accepting you as DPS would be produced as evidence together with this letter with our agreed actions.

On viewing the CCTV it was very disappointing to evidence that during the time you have been the Premise Licence Holder, breaching of the current trading hours have been allowed to happen. Derek, myself and Sarah viewed 28th July, 1st, 8th and 15th August. Unfortunately it was in a room with no lights so it was very difficult to make clear notes in the dark. However, on the 1st August customers were seen in the outside area holding drinks and food until 04.49 with the last ones being ushered out by door staff at 04:59. The premises should have been closed to the public at 04:30. On the 8th people inside at 04:46. Again during the dates viewed, the door to the premises was opened on a number of occasions to let people in outside of their normal trading hours and some of the staff including door staff with their guests/partners were allowed to remain on the premises to continue drinking. At these times the blind to the front door has remained open.

In addition to these breaches West Midlands Police also have concerns with Derek being associated and playing a part running this business. It has been evidenced his poor management at a recent hearing in Wolverhampton where he was the DPS. During a Licensing Subcommittee hearing on 25th April 2018 the committee was satisfied on the evidence that:

1. There had been significant breaches of the licence conditions and failure to comply with provisions of the Licensing Act.
2. Search procedures were inadequate.
3. There had been serious crime on the premises (wounding) and it was likely other criminal activity had occurred on the premises to include allowing patrons to smoke and use drugs.

With all of the above noted, both Sarah and I are willing to work with you and Derek and a number of measures were agreed

The town safe radio will be provided for 6 months and the payment details after this time provided.

Further licensing checks will be made and their CCTV checked to ensure no further breaches are evidenced. The first one being in one months' time.

Melanie has agreed to ensure the premise will be closed on time with security staff being employed to ensure customers leave on time.

Late night refreshment will cease at 04:00 as per the licence.

As the door staff have changed, the serving to staff and their quests will cease after hours. It was emphasised to them, door staff are employed to work for them at quite a cost, and it's not a social occasion for them to bring their partners at the end of their shift.

The CCTV in the outside area needs attention/adjustment. When the marquee/covering is up, the camera records only the top of the covering and not the area where customers are.

In regards to the complaints that we have received in regards to the noise nuisance from the premises it was agreed during the meeting that the speakers for the premises would be turned down to a more acceptable level. As Sarah advised the best way to measure the level of the noise/music is to monitor the levels that staff are having use their voice to be heard or customers if they have to shout at each other to be heard then it would be too loud. Although we would not give a decibel level to work towards in monitoring I am aware that this was requested. In light of that request, the government deemed 85dcb to be an acceptable level of noise/music for ambient level during the Covid restrictions however, as I advised we would monitor the situation and where necessary carry out checks to ensure that the noise is emanating from the property to cause issues to those who live nearby.

Walsall Council have received further complaints from this weekend 21/22 August and the noise appears to be coming from the front of the property the music from the front area of the shop is too loud and needs to be lowered to ensure that it is not emanating from the property and cause further complaints. As agreed please ensure that the music is lowered, base is turned down to ensure that the noise is at a more reasonable level.

Should you have concerns regarding the content of this letter our contact numbers are above.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Mellor

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Sarah Heath-Marshall

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Dear Melanie

Lezz Bar and Grill Bridge Street, Walsall Licence Number WS/PRL/1037

Further to our visit to Lexx Bar on 28th September where we met yourself, Derek and the Fire Service, we confirm the following points raised and discussed.

It was evident that the rear fire exit had been covered up seriously undermining the Public Safety licensing objective and putting your customers at serious risk if a fire had started. This could have resulted in fatalities and or life changing injuries. The risk was so severe West Midlands Fire Service served a Restriction notice on yourselves limiting the area of use by your customers. We are aware this notice has been modified but the notice is still in force. Interestingly the Fire Service had limited the numbers in your venue to 120 persons yet Derrick informed police on 25th September your capacity was 180 therefore adding greater risk to those inside your venue.

Walsall Council have continued to receive noise complaints. Your Premise Licence states "The DPS will provide responsible management at all times" in relation to the prevention of public nuisance and all windows and doors to be kept closed after 23:00. On the evening of Saturday 25th September your front door was open as where the double doors to the outside area after 23:00 which conflicts with your Premise Licence conditions.

On our last visit it was evidenced you were open beyond the hours on your licence and again on 26th September we evidenced people being allowed into your venue past the allowed hours. Customers where sat in the front bar with a bottle, food and glassware in front of them. Derek confirmed these persons were not staff and apologised.

We spoke about your new door staff refusing to give their names to police officers on request on 24th September and also the smell of cannabis within your premise evidence by Sgt Upton on 25th September. During the police visit, Derrick confirmed he is the manager at your venue which given his reported poor management at a previous venue and the continued concerns we have at Lexx, is a matter which needs addressing by yourself. Although the Licensing Act does not require the Premise Licence Holder or the Designated Premise Supervisor to be present at the venue during trading hours, I have noted I have not seen you at the venue on

watching your CCTV footage. This could be something you wish to consider given the breaches occurring at your venue.

Due to the concerns of disorder in Bridge Street we did ask you to consider at 3am closure but due to you supporting other venues in Dudley and Wolverhampton which close earlier this is not possible. As stated, we have asked a number of venues in Bridge Street to consider the same, one of which has confirmed a last entry policy and another is considering this but generally closes early at present.

We also spoke about a dress code which again was initially not something you wanted to consider at the time, however further to by email on 29th September when I confirmed all the members of Pub Watch have all voluntarily agreed to a dress code, you confirmed you would consider this for our next meeting.

Due to the pavement being blocked by your barrier system and the two vehicles you park on the pavement, one of which you use for payment into your venue from the passenger window, we thank you for removing both vehicles and reducing the barrier to only taking up half of the pavement.

Thank you also for providing details of your door supervisor details and staffing and as of the 6th October, your training records albeit this was very delayed.

Given our concerns I suggest a further meeting next week and formally confirm these meetings will form part of a three month Action Plan. This Action Plan would form part of any potential Licensing Review and would not prohibit a Review being submitted during this 3 month period.

Should you have concerns regarding the content of this letter our contact numbers are above.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Mellor

Sarah Heath-Marshall

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Jennifer Mellor

From: mel [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 October 2021 14:54
To: Jennifer Mellor
Cc: [REDACTED]@thelicensingguys.com; 'Sarah Heath'
Subject: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar and Grill, Bridge Street, Walsall
Attachments: Fwd: Fire Service Representation; 71405- Lexx (Risk Assessment).pdf; Rear Garden Pics 1.jpeg; Rear Garden Pics 2.jpeg; [Lexx Jerkz] Incident Report Log - new submission; barrier images.pdf

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Hello Jennifer

CC: Sarah Heath & Nick Semper

I am in receipt of your email below in regards to our meeting on 28th September 2021 and would like to know is this letter a personal attack on myself, as this is how it feels and if so, I would rather you approach the situation directly rather than under the guise of wanting to help, when it appears you are looking for reasons to tear down our business, I would also like to rebut a few findings that I have identified in your letter.

These are as follows:

"It was evident that the rear fire exit had been covered up seriously undermining the Public Safety licensing objective and putting your customers at serious risk if a fire had started. This could have resulted in fatalities and or life changing injuries. The risk was so severe West Midlands Fire Service served a Restriction notice on yourselves limiting the area of use by your customers. We are aware this notice has been modified but the notice is still in force. Interestingly the Fire Service had limited the numbers in your venue to 120 persons yet Derrick informed police on 25th September your capacity was 180 therefore adding greater risk to those inside your venue."

May I ask you the following:

- Are you insinuating that I covered up the rear fire exit?
- Who is seriously undermining the Public Safety licensing objective and putting our customers at serious risk if a fire had started?

As mentioned above is this personal? because I'm unsure why you would mention an action plan to me at this stage without trying to ascertain liabilities or is this a case of being guilty before proven innocent?

There has been NO ALTERATIONS OR COVER - UPS to the rear fire exit since the last meeting with Neil Aston Baugh (Fire Officer) with the Ms McLaren (previous premises license holder & DPS) along with Derrick back in 2019. Since then, prior to me becoming the DPS of Lexx Jerkz on the 5th August 2021 there was also another DPS so again who is responsible for this alleged cover up?

The premises plan drawing did indicate that there was a fire door there and was blocked off by our next-door neighbour's shed, but as the CCTV show prior to me becoming the DPS that exit was blocked off. Please see CCTV still attached - Rear Garden Pics 1 & 2

May I also remind you that on your request for Neil Aston Baugh to visit the site, Neil Aston Baugh was so concerned about the public safety he requested for a senior fire officer to visit the site to serve me a Prohibition Notice on 28th September 2021, restricting the use of the rear garden and reapplying a capacity restriction of 120 that WAS lifted to 170 on the 19th September 2019, between Ms McLaren and Neil Aston Baugh. Please see email & Risk Assessment attached – Fwd: Fire Service Representation & 71405 – Lexx (Risk Assessment)

Exact Wording below

No. 1

To be subjected to risk assessment as agreed – Proof provided in attached docs

Interestingly Sarah Heath-Marshall was also copied into this those correspondence on the 23rd September 2019 with Ms McLaren, when asked about the granting of the licensing variation. Please see email attached – Fwd: Fire Service Representation

Derrick has acted upon Neil Aston Baugh recommendations as a matter of urgency and installed a fire door along with the emergency lighting and signage on 30th September 2021, Neil Aston Baugh returned to the site on 1st October 2021 and the restrictions were modified after inspection of the newly installed fire door, allowing us to use the rear garden, however the capacity remained at 120, which is causing concerns, and I would really like to know is this personal? Does this warrant an action plan?

“Walsall Council have continued to receive noise complaints. Your Premise Licence states” The DPS will provide responsible management at all times” in relation to the prevention of public nuisance and all windows and doors to be kept closed after 23:00. On the evening of Saturday 25th September your front door was open as where the double doors to the outside area after 23:00 which conflicts with your Premise Licence conditions.”

As per our onsite meeting with yourself, Sarah Heath Marshall, Nick Semper, Derrick and myself where we’ve discussed about air ventilation (passive airflow) to help stop the spread of the corona virus via aerosol transmission, just to reiterate that this was suggested to us by yourself and CAN NOT be used against us as a breach of the prevention of public nuisance when we are simply following what was discussed and the government guidelines. Please also see the HSE guidance the matter above:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation/index.htm>

Please advise us of what are YOUR requirements, should we keep the doors open or closed?

Again does this warrant an action plan?

“On our last visit it was evidenced you were open beyond the hours on your licence and again on 26th September we evidenced people being allowed into your venue past the allowed hours. Customers where sat in the front bar with a bottle, food and glassware in front of them. Derek confirmed these persons were not staff and apologised.”

On the above date stated, Derrick had also stated that there was a failure on the security part for allowing the customers to finish their food, Derrick also pointed out to both yourself and Sarah that he himself nor was I downstairs when that incident took place and we have addressed the above

issue in the form of an induction, which has been carried out. Which was sufficient for yourself and Sarah Heath Marshall at the time.

"We spoke about your new door staff refusing to give their names to police officers on request on 24th September"

As mentioned at the meeting this was the first time, we heard of that and asked why the officer in question didn't notify management so that action could be taken immediately.

Please could you provide us with the name and badge number of the officer that the door staff refused to give details to so that we conduct our investigation as a matter of urgency to avoid any further reoccurrence.

"and also the smell of cannabis within your premise evidence by Sgt Upton on 25th September."

During that visit Derrick suggested to the officer when he mentioned the smell of cannabis to go back to area where the smell was, to locate the person or persons responsible as the officers has the right to conduct a search under section 23 of the misuse of drugs act, the officer and Derrick returned to the area where he stated that he smelt cannabis there was only 3 people there and may I add none of which was smoking, the officers did not see it necessary to evoke a search under section 23 of the misuse of drugs act, and choose to leave the premises without a search or an arrest.

During the police visit, Derrick confirmed he is the manager at your venue which given his reported poor management at a previous venue and the continued concerns we have at Lexx, is a matter which needs addressing by yourself.

Derrick has been managing Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill since 2019 and has even been to your licensing committee with your predecessor PC Tolley, Sarah Heath and others, way before my time at Lexx Jerkz

Although the Licensing Act does not require the Premise Licence Holder or the Designated Premise Supervisor to be present at the venue during trading hours, I have noted I have not seen you at the venue on watching your CCTV footage. This could be something you wish to consider given the breaches occurring at your venue."

For my own personal health reasons I will consider the above once we get the all clear for the covid 19 pandemic.

"Due to the concerns of disorder in Bridge Street we did ask you to consider at 3am closure but due to you supporting other venues in Dudley and Wolverhampton which close earlier this is not possible. As stated, we have asked a number of venues in Bridge Street to consider the same, one of which has confirmed a last entry policy and another is considering this but generally closes early at present."

Due to the Prohibition Notice that was served upon us by the fire service, we have also adopted a 3am closure if capacity is reached, then a one in one out procedure thereafter is put in place to stay within the capacity as per the Prohibition Notice.

"We also spoke about a dress code which again was initially not something you wanted to consider at the time, however further to by email on 29th September when I confirmed all the members of Pub Watch have all voluntary agreed to a dress code, you confirmed you would consider this for our next meeting."

Whilst other members of the pub watch can adopt a dress code we are unable to do so, our premises is a completely different, due to being a predominantly outdoor space, other premises on Bridge Street are indoor and has the capability of climate control.

"Due to the pavement being blocked by your barrier system and the two vehicles you park on the pavement, one of which you use for payment into your venue from the passenger window, we thank you for removing both vehicles and reducing the barrier to only taking up half of the pavement."

You are welcome anything to help, whilst doing the above we have noted that cars are still being parked on bridge street, that are NOT being asked to NOT parked on the double yellow line except for those parked up close to our premises even though most of the car parked up on our side of Bridge street is for other businesses please see attached [Lexx Jerkz] Incident Report Log.

Also in regards to reducing the barriers we also noted that other venues are still being allowed to block off an entire pavement with their barriers. Please see - attached barriers images

With that being said, it seems like double standards, and I would like to know what makes other premises different from others?

"Thank you also for providing details of your door supervisor details and staffing and as of the 6th October, your training records albeit this was very delayed."

As always anything to help, and with regards to the delay we did say at the meeting that it is from the web server and unfortunately, we are not computer savvy when it comes to retrieving the data.

"Given our concerns I suggest a further meeting next week and formally confirm these meetings will form part of a three month Action Plan. This Action Plan would form part of any potential Licensing Review and would not prohibit a Review being submitted during this 3 month period."

Given the reason for our actions, and action taken by us to rectify and concerns you may have had and all the evidence provided, please can you state in writing what concerns that you have that warrant a formal action plan?

With regards to meeting on Tuesday 26th October 2021, unfortunately I'm not feeling any better so it will have to be postponed.

Also, can all future correspondence in regard to this and any further matters be in writing to eliminate any further misunderstanding

I trust that the above is to your satisfaction, however, should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Melanie Jordan

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 14 October 2021 20:12
To: Melanie Jordan <mel.jordan@walsall.gov.uk>
Cc: @thelicensingguys.com; Sarah Heath @walsall.gov.uk
Subject: Lexx Bar and Grill, Bridge Street, Walsall

Good evening Melanie

As promised please find attached our letter confirming our recent visit. Should you have any concerns, please contact either Sarah or myself. If you can let me know your availability next week for a further meeting I would be most grateful.

Kind regards

Jennifer

Jennifer Mellor
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Melanie Jordan
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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Date: 22/6/2022

Please ask for: J Mellor/S Heath-
Marshall

Direct Line:

E-mail:

Dear Ms Jordan

Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence WS/PRL/1037

Following on from our increased patrols in the town centre, our officers completed a walkthrough of your venue on the evening of Saturday 4th June. Your door staff initially informed the Sergeant there were 60 customers inside the bar, however following the walkthrough and headcount revealed there were between 110-120 persons inside, as you are aware your maximum capacity at the moment is 120. When challenged, they could not provide a reasonable excuse for the misrepresentation of their numbers and were advised not to allow any more customers inside. Jennifer Mellor the Police Licensing Officer spoke with Derrick who provided stills of your CCTV stating there was only 65 persons inside, this differs from our own bodycam footage of the walkthrough. We would like to draw to your attention, the maximum capacity also includes any staff or hired persons. At the time of the visit, there was no monitoring of the two areas where the capacity is 60 in each area. The Fire Service have issued the capacity restriction due to their concerns, being over capacity holds potentially fatal risks as in the case of a fire, this would slow the pace of exit. Immediate action is required, such as training of your door staff to monitor and control the numbers in your venue. Due to our concerns, police officers will be making increased visits to your venue.

We have also been informed our officers smelt and witnessed cannabis being smoked. This was brought to the attention of door staff and Derrick as he can be seen on the police bodycam footage. It is your responsibility to uphold all four of the licensing objectives and by allowing this type of behaviour undermines these objectives. We would be grateful of a copy of your drugs and search policy so this can be viewed by the Partnership as it is our belief this is either not suitable, or not being adhered to or monitored. The smell of cannabis has been persistently present in your venue for a number of months, dating back to last year and this is continuing despite it being raised with yourself or your colleagues on numerous occasions. Police Officers regularly make comment and have provided statements for the police licensing department. This has also been brought to the attention of Derrick whilst on

duty at the bar, and on a visit into Walsall police station at the request of Insp Hobday.

At the request of Insp Hobday and both the senior police and council management teams we cannot stress enough how important it is that you curtail the smoking/use of cannabis inside your premises (or any other controlled drugs) with immediate effect. This is the final warning that will be given before formal action is taken.

Officers have been instructed to check for the smell/use of cannabis regularly throughout your opening hours, and you should expect this to occur and facilitate it. Police officers will rarely make arrests for cannabis possession offences inside busy venues late at night for operational reasons. This should **not** be misunderstood as a lack of concern – the licensing framework is designed and will be used to ensure premises management teams are always accountable for criminal behaviour on their premises.

We would also take this opportunity of informing you police officers have the Power of Entry into a licensed premise under Section 179 and Section 180 of the Licensing Act, they also have the power to seize under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) amongst other powers. We are aware staff have begun presenting a clipboard with a form attached to officers for completion prior to entry. Whilst the reason for increased visits is clear above and officers will always be polite and explain this to staff, but officers are being asked to decline the completion of paperwork you present. It is also vital that your staff do not frustrate or slow down the entry of officers onto your premises whilst they are open. This is not in the spirit of the Licensing Act nor in actively working together to improve the relationships between your door staff and our police officers.

We would be grateful of your written response to our concerns by return so the partnership can decide on an appropriate course of action.

Yours sincerely



David Elrington
Head of Community Safety
and Enforcement



Insp Jamie Hobday |
Partnerships Team Manager
Walsall NPU
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Jennifer Mellor

From: Melanie Jordan [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2022 19:08
To: Jennifer Mellor
Subject: [External]: Re: Partnership Letter
Attachments: Drugs Policy JAN 21.pdf

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Dear Sirs

Thank you for your letter of 22nd June 2022.

We note that the Police Sergeant who attended on 4th June 2022 continues to maintain that there were 110-120 persons inside our premises. We on the other hand have produced CCTV which we maintain demonstrates that there were around 65 persons on the premises. Both accounts cannot be right, so we have reserved our copies of the CCTV footage from that night. It appears that until we can see the CCTV footage recorded on the officer's bodycam, we will remain at variance on these numbers. Can we therefore request copies of the bodycam footage that shows 120 persons on our premises? Please treat this as a Freedom of Information request. Thank you.

We note that your officers maintain that they have witnessed cannabis use on our premises. We are sorry that this is their perception. We maintain a zero tolerance to any form of drugs misuse on our premises, and welcome the officers efforts to assist us to enforce our outright ban. Please find attached a copy of our Drugs policy as requested.

We understand the officer's reluctance to complete a form on a clipboard prior to entering our premises. We welcome their occasional visits, and have no intention to impede their entry and progress. In future, any notes of their visits, including their identities, actions, observations and advice will be recorded by our own staff using our usual forms.

As ever, we wish to continue to work with you and the Community Safety Partnerships Team to improve relationships and keep Walsall safe.

Kind regards,

Melanie JORDAN

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Melanie

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Jennifer

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From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 27 June 2022 14:33
To: mel [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External]: Re: Partnership Letter

Good morning Melanie and thank you for your response. I will advise the Partnership you have replied at our next Op Argonite meeting which is weekly on a Wednesday and I'm sure a Partnership response will be sent out to you including the disappointing seizure of drugs at the weekend. We all also have a look at your drug policy which unfortunately has not been effective.

With regards to your Freedom of Information request, there is a process in place for such requests. The link below will supply you with information for Freedom of Information and how to apply:

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/>

On speaking with Insp Hobday, I believe as you are the Premise Licence Holder and DPS we would be happy to show you this information at Walsall Police Station. If you wished to bring your licensing consultation with you, that would be fine also. Please let me know if you wish me to set this up for you.

Has Derrick made you aware of one of your singers caught in possession and using openly in your premise on Saturday. Again I would be grateful of your thoughts on this further drug use at your venue so this can be discussed on Wednesday at our Partnership meeting. Officers again, have highlighted the continued smell of cannabis this weekend which has been stated.

Also a female member of your staff came out with the clipboard asking for completion by officers, from watching the police bodycam footage, I don't believe she had been advised the police would not be completing your forms as this is not a condition of entry for police officers. When the police officer later mentioned your name she stated "who's Melanie". Can I please remind you of 4.31 of the Revised Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, The DPS has the day to day responsibility for the running of the premises.

I look forward to seeing with you

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer



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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Date: 15/07/2022

Please ask for: J Mellor/S Heath-
Marshall

Direct Line:

E-mail:

Dear Ms Jordan

Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence WS/PRL/1037

I refer to the letter dated 22 June 2022 from Walsall Council and Walsall Police, which drew to your attention incidents that had occurred at Lexx Bar and Grill.

It is disappointing to learn that despite you receiving the above-mentioned letter on the 22nd June via email and the letter being hand delivered to Derrick Minnot on the 26th June that further incidents have been experienced at the premises.

These incidents include

1. During a visit to the premises at 02:40 on the 26th June Police staff witnessed an employee of yours, a singer openly using and in possession of a controlled drug namely Class B, Cannabis in the DJ area of your venue.
2. Police Officers reported that last weekend that yet again they could smell cannabis emanating from your premises, at a much higher level than any other entertainment venue.
3. Noise nuisance complaints continue to be received and Sarah Heath-Marshall, Community Protection Officer has had to speak with Derrick Minnot with regard to this matter also.

Taking our previous letter into account and also the incidents referred to above we have serious concerns with regard to the ability of Derrick Minnot to effectively manage the premises, and from yourself the DPS, to fulfil their responsibilities.

Despite providing us with a copy of your drugs policy it is clear staff and customers are not abiding by it and Derricks ability to control drug use on the premises and to control the level of music and noise that is disturbing local residents is inadequate.

We believe our concerns are justified and proportionate given his performance here and at a venue he worked at previously.

In our previous letter we advised this was a final warning before formal action would be taken. We therefore have to ask you to implement the following measures with immediate effect to ensure this unlawful activity ceases and for you, as the sole director of Lexx Jerkz Limited and DPS to take responsibility for the actions of the bar.

1. Your presence and management at the bar to deter this unlawful activity on Friday and Saturday evenings
2. Removal of Derrick Minnot as Manager of the bar
3. Replacement of the existing Security company supplying your SIA door staff together with those members of the team.
4. Last entry policy of 2am
6. Refresh all staff training, especially relating to your drugs policy by end July
7. Adopt LSAVI and complete self-assessment by end July
8. Complete WAVE training – all staff by end July

Please contact Jennifer Mellor to make arrangements for you and if required, your agent to come into the police station next week to discuss these formal measures further.

Walsall Police and Walsall Council will continue to monitor and review the activities reported to us from this premises and it is vital that you work with us to ensure incidents reduce and the bar is effectively managed. The only other option open to Regulatory Authorities is to seek formal action.

Yours sincerely



David Elrington
Head of Community Safety
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Insp Jamie Hobday |
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West Midlands Police



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Our Ref:

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E-mail:

Dear Ms Jordan

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I refer to the letter dated 15th July 2022 from Walsall Council and Walsall Police, which drew your attention to incidents that had occurred at Lexx Bar and Grill. The letter invited you and a representative into the police station the following week giving you the opportunity to advise what measures you were putting in place to deter the unlawful behaviour and to discuss the management of the bar. The Partnership are disappointed to learn, that although your legal representation is not available until the 1st or 2nd of August you are not prepared to meet earlier.

We believe the lack of contact, as our Police Licensing Officer had to further email you for a response to our letter as an indication of your lack of responsibility for our concerns. It is therefore the Partnerships decision to instigate a full Licensing Review based on the incidents and information gained over the previous 12 months.

Inspector Hobday and I are withdrawing the opportunity of a meeting but suggest you work with the Police Licensing Officer and Community Protection Officers to ensure improvements and measures are put in place during the Review process. As you have advised you are available on the 1st or 2nd August, we strongly suggest you contact our officers and arrange a time on one of these dates for further discussion.

Walsall Police and Walsall Council will continue to monitor and review the activities from your premise which would be included in the Review.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Community Safety
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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 05 August 2022 08:51
To: Melanie Jordan
Subject: Lexx Bar and Grill

Melanie

Further to the meeting I had arranged with Derrick on Wednesday of this week, unfortunately he did not arrive at the club for me to view your internal CCTV as arranged. I left voice messages on both of your phones but I have not heard back from either of you.

I would be most grateful if you or Derrick could contact me to rearrange this meeting. Next Tuesday would be a good day for me, so if you could let me know a time or an alternative date if Tuesday is not convenient.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Rebecca Dangor <[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk> on behalf of Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2021 12:56
To: Jennifer Mellor; Sarah Heath
Subject: [Possible SPAM] RE: [External]: [Possible SPAM] RE: Lexx Bar and Grill

Hi both,

Yes we have Camilla Thomas down as DPS, she has now written to us to remove herself so they are now operating without a DPS.

Companies house shows the director of Lexx Jerkz Ltd as Melanie Jordan, so she is the only person authorised that could submit a DPS variation. Derek has no legal standing on the premises licence.

Regards

Rebecca Dangor
Licensing Officer

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Sent: 05 August 2021 12:02
To: Sarah Heath <Sarah.Heath@walsall.gov.uk>; Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: [External]: [Possible SPAM] RE: Lexx Bar and Grill

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His mobile is [REDACTED]

I've left a message on his mobile. I've spoken to the bar and the lady I spoke to said she would request he phones me on their group chat. She also confirmed Camilla had left

Jennifer Mellor
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From: Sarah Heath [mailto:[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk]
Sent: 05 August 2021 11:55
To: Jennifer Mellor; Licensing
Subject: [External]: [Possible SPAM] RE: Lexx Bar and Grill

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Hi Jen

It is supposed to be Derek Minott however he appears to be being rather elusive and the last few emails I have sent him he hasn't bothered replying to ! if you manage to get hold of him would you send me his number so I can contact him too. I have a load of noise complaints against the lexx bar and grill appears to be being run like a festival on the night times with the music being so loud !

Sarah

Sarah Heath-Marshall **ICA QA(RCO)**

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 05 August 2021 13:21
To: 'MEL. [REDACTED]'
Subject: Lexx Bar and Grill

Good afternoon Melanie

I believe you are the director or Lexx Jerkz Limited. I have received information from the council that the DPS has removed herself from the position at Bridge Street in Walsall. Any sales of alcohol is therefore no longer authorised and any sales would be unlawful. I also have footage of the bar being open until 05:05 hours on Sunday morning. Your licence only allows sales to 03:30.

These breaches are offences under the Licensing Act 2003 and need to be rectified immediately. Can you please contact me on my mobile to discuss.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Walsall Licensing
Sent: 18 August 2021 11:12
To: Licensing
Cc: Community Protection
Subject: RE: [External]: DPS Variation - Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill

Further to receipt of the application to vary the DPS to Melanie Jordan, West Midlands Police do have concerns. I therefore arranged a site visit with the agent and Melanie to discuss further which occurred on Monday. I do believe this was a very positive meeting and I will be writing to the agent and Melanie to outline what was agreed and a way forward.

However, it was very disappointing to evidence on their CCTV that during the time Melanie has been the Premise Licence Holder, breaching of their trading hours have been allowed to happen. Myself and Sarah Heath-Marshall viewed their CCTV on 28th July, 1st, 8th and 15th August. Unfortunately it was in a room with no lights so it was very difficult to make clear notes in the dark. However, on the 1st August customers were seen in the outside area holding drinks and food until 04.49 with the last ones being ushered out by door staff at 04:59. The premises should have been closed to the public at 04:30. On the 8th people inside at 04:46. Again during the dates viewed, the door to the premises was opened on a number of occasions to let people in outside of their normal trading hours and some of the staff including door staff with their guests/partners were allowed to remain on the premises to continue drinking. At these times the blind to the front door has remained open. West Midlands Police also have concerns with Derek Minott being associated and playing a part running this business, Derek is Melanie's partner. It has been evidenced his poor management at a recent hearing in Wolverhampton where he was the DPS. During a Licensing Subcommittee hearing on 25th April 2018 the committee was satisfied on the evidence that:

1. There had been significant breaches of the licence conditions and failure to comply with provisions of the Licensing Act.
2. Search procedures were inadequate.
3. There had been serious crime on the premises (wounding) and it was likely other criminal activity had occurred on the premises to include allowing patrons to smoke and use drugs.

West Midlands Police have also a number of reported incidents relating to this venue and it was due to this information that I contacted the DPS to be told she had left two weeks ago, hence this application.

With all of the above noted, both Sarah and I have agreed to work with Melanie and a number of measures have been agreed. The town safe radio will be provided to them for 6 months and the payment details after this time provided to them. Further licensing checks will be made and their CCTV checked to ensure no further breaches are evidenced. They have already changed their door staff so the after-hours drinking with staff and guests will cease. As pointed out to them, door staff are employed to work for them at quite a cost, it's not a social occasion for them to bring their partners.

Should the incidents/breaches continue or the venue decides not to continue to work with the Police, it would be at that point enforcement would be considered by way of a formal Review of their licence and this email would be produced as evidence together with the letter/email which will go to the agent and applicant giving full details of the visit and agreed actions. West Midlands Police are making no representations at this point in relation to Melanie Jordan becoming the DPS.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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From: Rebecca Dangor <[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Licensing
Sent: 05 August 2021 15:46
To: Walsall Licensing <H_WALSALL_LICENSEING@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: [External]: DPS Variation - Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached DPS variation received today. Last date for representations is 19th August 2021.

Regards

Rebecca Dangor
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WITNESS STATEMENT

Investigation Number:

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Philip Upton

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing Supervisor

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Date: Friday, 15 October 2021

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I am Police Sergeant 29944 UPTON of the West Midlands Police currently based at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION in the WEST MIDLANDS.

In the early hours of Sunday 26th September I was on full uniform foot patrol together with POLICE CONSTABLE 23125 WOOLDRIDGE, POLICE CONSTABLE 22726 MATTOO and POLICE CONSTABLE 24600 MCLAUGHLIN.

At this time we were engaged in licensing visits and patrols in BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL TOWN CENTRE.

At about 0000 hrs we attend LEXX BAR AND GRILL. At the front of the premises I spoke to a couple of door staff. I then spoke to a male who I believe to be the manager named Derek MINNOTT. I asked him some questions around how many people were inside, the capacity and what time he was closing. I informed him we would be carrying out a walk through of the premises which we then did. When I got to the rear of the premises/outside there was a strong smell of cannabis that had been smoked. I raised my concern with MINNOTT who did not appear happy of what I pointed out. I could not ascertain who had been smoking it but it was clearly being smoked on the premises. I am a serving Police Officer with 21 years service so can identify the smell. I could not see any fire exit to the rear of the premises so asked MINNOTT where the was one and there was only one fire exit nearer to the front of the premises.

I recorded my concerns in his occurrence book. I saw that when we were outside the door staff were searching people before entry. I was later informed that these searches were not being done when officers were not visibly present outside on the town centre CCTV.

There was also lots of cars outside that belonged to customers who I saw coming and going. They had also blocked the pavement with a Vauxhall the occupant of which was selling wristbands which I assumed were for entry. They had also blocked the pavement with railings and customers were queuing into the road to get in causing a danger to themselves and other road users.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

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Statement of Simon Bytheway

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Constable 0876

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Signature: (witness) [Handwritten Signature]

Date 21/10/21

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I am Police Constable 0876 Simon Bytheway of the West Midlands Police Force, and I am currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station. I am a Neighbourhood Task Force Officer.

On Thursday 14th October 2020 I was on uniformed duties in Walsall Town Centre. I had been tasked with performing licencing checks on licenced premises within the vicinity, which included the use of drugs swipes in areas such as toilets to check for Class A drugs activity.

At around 1130 hours officers attended Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill. Upon arrival at the location officers found it was open. There were only a small number of customers within the bar area. There were two staff members behind the bar, and a security staff member in the public area. Officers asked if the DPS was on premises. We were told no. None of the staff appeared to know who was in charge. The security officer wore a jacket which said security across the back and front which clearly identified him. However he was not wearing a SIA badge on his arm or anywhere else that was visible. The guard assisted officers in accessing the toilets and other areas of the premises.

Drug swipes were conducted in both toilets. Drug traces were located from within one of the toilets by other officers. Near to the toilets was a staircase leading to the first floor. As I was stood near this I noticed people coming up and down the stairs to the bar. The door was wedged open so there was no physical barrier in operation preventing access. I presumed this was another public area. I requested Staff escort me upstairs to what I discovered was some sort of recording studio. Here I could smell a strong aroma of what I recognise as Herbal Cannabis. Within the recording studios were desks. I swabbed these areas and there was no trace of drugs having been used on the table.

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Statement of Simon Bytheway

Whilst stood on the first floor of the premises, I saw an insecure door leading to a staircase. I requested staff show me what was up here. Again there was no lock or sign to prevent public from entering. As I went upstairs I could see a double bed within the store room. There was no persons present, and no smell of drugs within.

Officers waited in the rear garden area for the landlord Derek to return. Upon arrival Derek informed me that the Security member was on duty at the time. I am aware that Derek had been hostile towards officers on the telephone. He believed a search warrant was being conducted. When he discovered this was not the case, he calmed down and was pleasant.

Derek was made fully aware of the reasons for why officers attended. He was aware that positive drugs swipes had been conducted within the establishments toilets, and also that there was a strong smell of cannabis within the recording area.

When officers attended the location it was relatively quiet with only a small number of customers. However, when officers returned past the location several hours later, there were approximately 25 vehicles parked on the pavement outside the location. Lexx was the only venue open at this time, and officers saw people coming and going from the location.

My visit was captured on my bodycam. I now produce this in evidence as follows:

Police Reference SCB/1, Court reference () - Lexx Walkthrough.

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 23 December 2021 08:20
To: mel[REDACTED], The Licensing Guys [Licensing]
Cc: Sarah Heath
Subject: Lexx Bar & Grill Action Plan

Good morning all

My apologies for taking so long to come back to you but as Nick is now aware, I was involved in a car accident which resulted in a few weeks off work. I'm back on the mend now so I would like to address the current Action Plan and our last discussions which took place last month on 25th November, nearly a month ago now.

Going back to our meeting on the 28th September 21, a number of concerns were highlighted which resulted in your venue being placed on an Action Plan, these concerns were communicated via a letter dated the 14th October. Due to illness and concerns you had, we were unable to meet again until 25th November. Since that date, I have only been on duty a few days before going off work myself until this week and presently I am working from home. Our meeting on the 25th November, although professional and worthwhile, I believe it was also about moving forward in such a way that we felt comfortable to work together in achieving the same aims. Unfortunately during our meeting we discussed your concerns that I had been racist due to ethnicity, which as you can imagine when I first heard, came as a shock to me as you have no idea of my personal background, however, I hopefully ensured that any matters were aired and addressed so that we could move forward. I would like to point out that in my entire working life I have never been accused of causing such concerns, so as you can imagine I was horrified to hear this and trust that we can further develop a good working relationship. It would also be worth noting that we are only having discussions regarding an Action Plan due to the fact that you have not been operating within the Licensing Act 2003 and subsequently other legalisation..

As the Action Plan was for a three month time span and a copy of the Action Plan was never agreed or communicated to you due to the issues above I therefore feel it only appropriate and sensible to deem the Action Plan inactive. Derek has mentioned you are not currently advertising events, there is a Restriction Notice on the venue limiting capacity and with footfall being reduced on the town due to the NHS COVID passes it would be totally bureaucratic to continue.

From our meetings a number of concerns were raised so I would like to use this opportunity to run through a few of these from a police perspective:

Noise complaints:

From our last meeting the last complaint received was on the 17th October. On speaking with Sarah prior to her breaking up for the Christmas holiday they have had only one new complaint but this did not include any noise monitoring evidence so has been filed.

Rear fire exist:

This has been addressed by yourselves with the Fire Service becoming the lead agency.

Smoking within the building:

This has been highlighted to you with Environmental health becoming the lead agency.

Trading beyond the licensable hour:

From the meeting on 25th November there has been no new evidence of additional trading

Crime and Disorder:

On the 18th December we did have an incident which resulted in a crime being created for public order involving people within your queue. It was noted by the officers attending that your security staff were wearing all black with no one appearing to have any authority or control over the queue. During the public

order incident the only reason police know who they were, was because they had spoken to them earlier in the evening. Can I please ask for some guidance to your door staff on management of your queue and for you to consider hi vis vests.

To finish I must add, to see Derek at our multi-agency meeting lead by Mr Dolby on the current issues in Bridge Street and Ablewell Street was met with positivity and with you joining Pub Watch evidences commitment to work with the police and I would personally like to thank you for that. I would also like to set up one last meeting in the New Year, unless anything occurs in the meantime, to sign off this series of meetings and give you the opportunity to address any new concerns.

I wish you all a good Christmas and although we may see a bumpy start to the new year, fingers crossed for a better 2022.

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 04 February 2022 14:11
To: me; [redacted]; derrick [redacted]
Cc: The Licensing Guys [Licensing]
Subject: Next meeting

After catching up briefly with Derrick at Pubwatch can we schedule in another and hopefully, last meeting. Sarah is booked up next week so can you let me know if you have an hour the following week from Monday 14th.

Have a safe weekend everyone

Jennifer

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From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 16 February 2022 18:52
To: mel. [redacted]; derrick [redacted]
Cc: The Licensing Guys [Licensing]
Subject: RE: Next meeting

Mel

Further to my email from the 4th, Sarah and I are in Bridge St tomorrow at 1pm, are you about tomorrow at 12 noon for a catch up.

Realise its late notice but thought I would try.

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Robin White
Sent: 20 February 2022 15:15
To: Jennifer Mellor; Scott James
Cc: Elizabeth Pearson
Subject: Fw: LEXX JERKZ BRIDGE STREET WALSALL

Jennifer

Can I please bring to your attention the below email that I have sent Inspector Pearson in regards to a door supervisor who was found in possession of approx 6 small bags of cannabis inside a large bag - we would suggest possible drug dealing from the below club however there is no proof of this apart from the offender Mr WARD still having his SIA door badge on and knowing he works at the below venue.

Regards

Rob

From: Robin White
Sent: 20 February 2022 14:31
To: Elizabeth Pearson; Scott James; Simon Steptoe
Subject: LEXX JERKZ BRIDGE STREET WALSALL

Hello Boss

Can I please bring to your attention a job myself / PS James and PC Steptoe dealt with last night while covering Walsall Town Centre

On the 20TH Feb 2022 at approx 02.00 Hours we were in full uniform duty when we spotted a male now know to be as Mr [REDACTED] who was wearing his SIA Badge on his right arm while sitting in a [REDACTED] VW Golf - Mr [REDACTED] was seen to be holding cannabis and on seeing this we have alighted from our vehicle and found Mr [REDACTED] holding a A4 size bag with approx 6 smaller bags of cannabis - Mr [REDACTED] works the door at LEXX JERKZ (Bridge Street) and it was clear he had just came from this venue due to him still wearing his SIA Badge and due to the WV Golf sitting yards away.

Boss if I was a beating man I would suggest Mr [REDACTED] and possible the other door staff from this venue are dealing however we have no solid proof of this at this stage however every time we do a walk through there is a strong smell of cannabis - I have now reported Mr [REDACTED] to the SIA asking for his badge to be taken off him and I have update the Walsall Town Centre PMP.

Regards Boss

Rob

Sarah

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From: Jamie Hobday <[REDACTED]@westmidlands.police.uk>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:31:56 PM
To: Sarah Heath <[REDACTED]@walsall.gov.uk>
Subject: Lexx Bar & Grill

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Sarah,

I met with Mr Derrick Minott (Manager) and Tashan Nesbeth (Head doorman, PGS Security) of the Lexx Bar & Grill, 75 Bridge St, Walsall this evening, in relation to reports of violence, obstruction of police and strong smells of cannabis in their premises over the past few weeks. I have agreed to give him an overview of the incidents I am currently aware of, below:

- 18/12/2021 Friday 02:40 Between material times offender have been arguing and pushing and shoving at the door of Lexx Bar and Grill.
- 01/01/2022 Friday 04:18 THREE MALES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A FIGHT OUTSIDE LEXX JERKZ BAR AND GRILL. Offender admitted to being drunk in this bar earlier, when he was involved in a confrontation.)
- 19/02/2022 Friday 04:13 Reports of Disorder, Bridge St, outside Jamaican Restaurant. 20 people in involved. Vehicle also made off from officers, lights off.
- 19/02/2022 Friday u/k Strong cannabis smell emanating from the premises on a number of occasions. Some of the staff have also been quite obstructive towards Police Officers by such actions as refusing to give numbers of occupants, blocking them gaining access to the premises and having an unprofessional attitude.
- (20/02/2022 Saturday 02:00 Doorman in uniform and showing SIA ID badge found in possession of cannabis in Bridge St. Originally believed to be working at Lexx Bar, but Manager and Head Doorman have now denied this – investigation required to confirm his workplace.)

Both deny that this final incident is connected to Lexx Bar in any way, but I have recorded it here as this was our belief up until this meeting – we will investigate this further to confirm.

I have explained to both men the scale of the violence issue we have in Bridge Street during their opening hours on a Fri-Sat and Sat-Sun, and that there is a real focus by both West Midlands Police and Walsall Council to tackle this. Police officers reports of obstructive door staff and strong smells of cannabis were highlighted as having been made previously, so show a pattern of activity. These are evidence of poor management, and thus we were going to ask them to consider additional management actions to assist them in meeting the licensing objectives. Attached are some additional conditions I am asking them to consider, with a request to reply by **Tuesday 1st March**. I have made it clear that if breaches continue we will be seeking reduced opening hours.

I have also stated that I will be instructing police officers to regularly visit Lex Bar this weekend to ensure all the current conditions are being strictly adhered to, that there is no smell of cannabis and the staff are supportive and aware of their legal obligations.

I have also told both men that there are a number of other premises we also have concerns about and that we will be taking the same approach with them.

I do not have Mr Minotts email to send this on to him – could you please forward this on my behalf (as our officer is on leave)?

Many thanks,

Jamie

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Crime No.

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Statement of PC 8317 Wall

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Occupation Police Officer

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Signature:  (witness)

Date 27/2/2022

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I am a Police Officer in the west midlands Police Force currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station.

This statement is in relation to Lexx Jerkz Bar & Grill, 75 Bridge street, Walsall when it is open as a bar of a night. The information in this statement is derived from my own personal experiences when I have been on duty working the night time economy and also from information I have obtained from Police systems and having spoken to other Police Officers around the night time economy in Walsall.

When working the night time economy my role along with other officers on duty is to monitor the licenced premises in the town centre and to keep the public safe. To do this officers visit the licenced alcohol establishments at various times during the evening and early hours of the morning to ascertain the number of door staff on duty, whether their CCTV is working and customer numbers at each venue. We will also periodically undertake walkthroughs of the premises to assess the temperament of people in the premises and the ensure there are no obvious illegal activities or licencing issues at a particular premise.

I have worked the night time economy on a number of occasions since the beginning of November 2021 and at some point, during my tour of duty I will endeavour to visit all the licenced premises that are open in Walsall town identified as part of our patrol area. When I have done this at Lexx on several occasions I would have described the door staff's behaviour towards me as very guarded. They will all stand by the door which they keep closed and if I ask any licencing questions one of them very guarded and furtively hardly open the door to the club and literally squeeze themselves through the smallest of gaps they have created as though trying to stop anyone being able to see inside as they enter. After a short time one of the other staff will then come out of the door to talk to me. When the door is opened even to that small extent I have had a strong smell of cannabis hit me. This is not a smell of one person's quantity but what I would describe as a significant smell from a large amount of cannabis.

Two particular occasions that I recall the dates of having this smell from the premises were in the early hours of the 7/11/21 when I had to deal with a drug gang related incident that appeared to originate inside Lexx. This incident involve two drug dealers having a dispute that spread out of Lexx into the street which I managed to calm down before it escalated to violence. There was at least one other incident I have witnessed but I cannot recall if they were on the 13/11/21, 12/12/21 or the 24/12/21. The other occasion I do recall was the early hours of the 12/2/22. I recall this as I was aware of a pattern of the smell coming from the premises from previous visits so when I attended on this occasion I was looking to see if I could smell cannabis again which I did.

Signature



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Statement of PC 8317 Wall

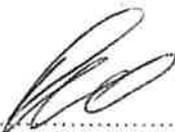
As a result of having it confirmed from my own personal observations that there was a persistent smell of Cannabis emanating from Lexx and having other officers making such comments to me describing the staff as obstructive and confirming that they could smell cannabis coming from the premises when they have done checks I undertook research on Police systems. As a result of this research I became aware of positive Class A drugs swabs being found in the toilets and a strong smell of cannabis during a walkthrough. On several other occasions there is information relating to cannabis smell being observed by other people whilst undertaking walkthroughs or visiting the premises. I am also aware from peoples observations that staff are allowing females who are underage to drink in the premises.

From Police systems in 2015 Melanie JORDAN (Director of Lexx) and her partner Derrick MINOTT (Manager of Lexx) were spoken to by Officers at their home address with regards to an intercepted parcel from Jamaica containing 100g of Cocaine that was posted to their home. They denied any knowledge of this parcel at that time and there was no further Police Action.

From the above information I believe that the owners and staff of the premises would be aware of Cannabis usage and underage drinking on their premises. From the staff's furtive behaviour I also believe that drug usage is allowed or even encouraged on the premises by those responsible. I have therefore concluded that the premises is persistently being used for drugs usage, those responsible for the premises are aware of this and it goes without doubt that this is unreasonable behaviour.

The result of drugs usage in the town of a night time has led to a significant community impact to those living, working in and visiting the area. This has also resulted in Policing having to be increased of a night to keep people safe at significant cost to the West Midlands Police Force. From my experiences and observations on the town Lexx is a magnet for many of the people who have caused a significant portion of these issues.

Signature



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Jennifer Mellor

From: Jamie Hobday
Sent: 16 March 2022 17:03
To: Jennifer Mellor; Richard Jacques
Cc: 'Sarah Heath'
Subject: FW: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar & Grill

FYI...

Jen, can you record this on Inn Keeper please?

Ta

J

From: Jamie Hobday
Sent: 16 March 2022 17:02
To: 'Derrick Minott' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar & Grill

Good afternoon Mr Minott,

As promised I have reviewed the Decision Notice for the Premises License Review of the Bond Street Tavern in 2018. There is clearly evidence repeated failings and a lack of local police confidence in the management structure of the premises. It is particularly relevant to note that this includes similar concerns to those we have raised with yourself recently for Lexx Bar & Grill – the use of cannabis within the premises and obstructive door staff. Incidents of violence also feature at both premises.

These issues clearly undermine the licensing objectives and continue to raise concerns in relation to any closer involvement in the premises by yourself, such as you suggest. It is your choice as to when to apply for any Personal License, but I cannot give any reassurance that we would not object again.

Despite this fact we would still ask you to consider additional action you could take in the management of Lexx Bar, to help protect both your customers and the wider public in the town centre. I will ask Jenny Mellor, our licensing officer, to discuss this with you over the coming days.

Regards,

Jamie

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From: Derrick Minott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 February 2022 07:01
To: Sarah Heath <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Jamie Hobday <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [External]: RE: Lexx Bar & Grill

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Dear Inspector Hobday,

Thank you for meeting with us last week.

Thank you for the list of incidents that are causing you concern about our end of the road. I understand your concerns, but as we discussed at the meeting, do not accept the context of all that has been listed. But we all have to move on and work together, for the benefit of the Town Centre Night Time Economy.

I have looked through your proposed Conditions.

Can you just explain to me: By what means do you want the Conditions of my Licence changed so that they now adopt these new requirements?

The situation of my business is not ideal, mainly for the reason that the Police will not accept me as DPS of my own premises. This is because of something that happened several years ago when I had another business. However the incident complained about on that occasion happened nearly five years ago. Had my Personal Licence been revoked by the Licensing Authority (which it wasn't) I would have been able to reapply for a Personal Licence after five years anyway. With the time that has passed in between then and now, coupled with the fact that I am now the manager of Lexx and have been since 2019, I think the time has now come for me to assume the duties as DPS so that you and I can work together, going forwards, through PubWatch and any other form of partnership-working.

If we can agree that I can be instated as the DPS (as well as Manager) of Lexx, then I am very open to considering the new list of conditions ONCE you have explained to me how they can be placed on my Premises Licence.

Yours,

Derrick MINOTT.

From: Sarah Heath
Sent: 25 February 2022 09:03
To: derrick [REDACTED]
Cc: Jamie Hobday <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Lexx Bar & Grill

Hi Derrick

I believe you met with insp Jamie Hobday yesterday he has asked me to forward on the email below

As always any questions just let me know jen is off until next Tuesday but drop us an email

Regards

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Scott James

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Response Supervisor

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Signature: Scott James 20749

Date: Tuesday, 09 August 2022

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I am Police Sergeant 20749 Scott JAMES, of The West Midlands Police, currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station, attached to Force Response.

On a number of occasions, I have worked as part of Walsall Night Time Economy, providing a policing response to alcohol related crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and ensuring licencing conditions are being complied with, where I have had dealings with Lexx Jerkz, Bridge Street Walsall.

On the 14th May I made the following observation during a licencing visit following feedback that door staff could be obstructive towards officers. Upon my attendance, staff did request collar numbers, however entry was not delayed and we found around forty customers inside the venue. There was a smell of cannabis inside the nightclub, however no persons seen smoking inside.

I also observed the side ally is being utilised for ticket sales, with a makeshift ticket boot having been made using a cut out door and hatch. Customers seen entering the alleyway were observed exchanging cash for a wristband, and then entry granted to the nightclub.

Lexx closed at 0430 with many customers exiting on mass, and slowly dispersing to vehicles, which again had been abandoned on pavements and within roadworks to little or no regard for the highway code or other road users.

On 4th June 2022, a licencing visit was been completed at Lexx Bar and Grill. Door staff initially stated there were 60 Customers counted into the premises, however following walkthrough and headcount revealed there were between 110-120 persons inside. Their maximum capacity is 120. When challenged they could not provide a reasonable excuse for the misrepresentation of their numbers and were advised not to allow any more customers inside. There were also a number of customers inside the venue seen to be smoking. There was also a strong smell of cannabis emanating from the nightclub. Given the number of customers, and potential for disorder versus the number of police officers available to me to support, discretion was given to not proactively dealing with persons suspected to be smoking cannabis inside the venue. Body Worn video has been uploaded to evidence.com for licencing review, under reference: 3710,04/06/22, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/1, Court Reference (#_____))

On the 26th June 2022 at around 0242 Hours, I again conducted a licencing check at Lexx Jerkz, where upon walking through the nightclub, we found a male I now know to be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was seen to be rolling a spliff in the rear garden of the bar. When challenged and subsequently

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searched by my officers, he was found in POSSESSION OF CANNABIS (CLASS B) - Crime Reference [REDACTED] refers. The licensee who I know to be LEXX agreed that the male would need to leave the nightclub.

Body Worn video has been uploaded to evidence.com for licencing review, under reference: 3951-25/06/22, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/1, Court Reference (#_____)).
S.JAMES 09/08/22 2211 Hours.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Scott James 20749

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

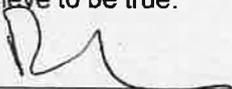
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Statement of Robert Harmon

Age if under 18 O18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Officer

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Signature: (witness) 

Date 19/06/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable 20714 Harmon of the West Midlands Police currently based at Tipton Police Station.

On Saturday 18/06/2022 I was on full uniformed mobile patrol working on Walsall NTE.

At approximately 0310 hours together with other officers I conducted a walk through of Lexx Jerkz & Grill Bridge Street Walsall.

On entering the premises I came across a strong smell of what I believe to be cannabis.

I have been a serving police officer for approaching 15 years and can say that this smell was from cannabis as I have smelt this on previous occasions.

On exiting the premises the smell appeared to have deminished somewhat. 

Signature 

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Jennifer Mellor

From: Simon Bytheway
Sent: 26 June 2022 06:41
To: Jennifer Mellor; Jamie Hobday
Cc: Scott James
Subject: Lexx

Sir / Jennifer.

Officers performed a walkthrough of Lexx Bar and Grill this evening at approx. 0240 hours.

There were approx. 50-60 persons within the venue at the time. It stunk of cannabis – as usual.

As we walked to the back of the venue, a male was found preparing cannabis in a grinder for smoking. He was detained under S23 Misuse of Drugs Act, and approx. £40 worth of cannabis was seized.

He was doing this in a public area, and was not making an attempt to conceal his activities from public view. Door staff were patrolling the location, and were no deterrent to him.

More interestingly the male coughed that he was a singer for the evening. Technically therefore he is an employee who was using drugs within the premises.

The drugs were seized and booked in [REDACTED] and PIR [REDACTED] has been submitted. The matter was crimed as [REDACTED]

Kind Regards

Simon

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

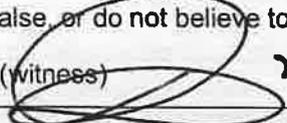
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Statement of Jay Alexander BRADBURN

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Police Sergeant 24529

This statement (consisting of one page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness)  24529

Date 26th June 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

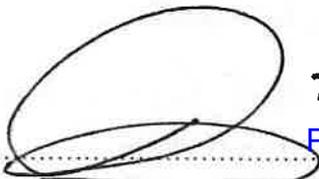
I am Police Sergeant 24529 Bradburn of the West Midlands Police presently station at Walsall Civic Centre posted to St Matthews Neighbourhood Team.

At approximately 01:20 hours on Saturday 25th June 2022 I was on full uniformed duties in company with other officers when we attended Lexx Jerk Bar and Grill, Bridge Street, Walsall and served a licencing letter.

At this time I conducted a premises walk through under the Licencing Act. Upon entry there was a pungent smell of cannabis coming from within the premises. This seemed to be noticable at the bar area which is located at front of the premises. I can clearly say that this smell was not coming outside the premises.

I now produce my Axon body worn video as Police ref (JAB/01) exhibit ref ().

I have encountered cannabis in my twenty two years of service and I can confirm categorically that the smell was cannabis.

Signature 

24529

Signature witnessed by N/A

Witness contact details

URN : / / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name

*Email address:

*Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent

Address

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number:

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency :

Gender

Date and place of birth

Ethnicity Code (16+1)

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months)

Witness care

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015)

Yes [] No [] If 'Yes', submit MG2 with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. Yes [] No []
b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet with the crime number on. Yes [] No []
c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. Yes [] No []
d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation Yes [] No []
e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes [] No [] N/A []
f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. Yes [] No [] N/A []
g) Child witness cases only. I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes [] No [] N/A []
I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes [] No [] N/A []

- I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.
I understand that my details may be passed to other agencies who can offer me help and support in relation to being a victim of this crime.

I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. Yes [] No []

Signature..... Date

Parent/guardian signature..... Date

Address

Contact tel no

Supporter signature..... Date

Statement taken by (print name): PS 24529 BHOBUAN

Station: Bloxwich - WS

Time and place statement taken: 1540hrs / Waldal Civic Centre

Signature [Signature] Page 148 of 260 Signature witnessed by N/A

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Miss Georgia Taft

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Investigation Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320**Date: Sunday, 17 July 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am PC 24320 TAFT of the WEST MIDLANDS POLICE and I am currently stationed at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION on Investigation Team 3.

On SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2022, I have been working overtime on Walsall Night Time Economy doing the tour of duty from 2300-0500 hours. Whilst on foot patrol, I have walked past LEXX BAR AND GRILL, 75 BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1JQ. Whilst walking past this location, a member of staff has walked out of the front door. When the door to the venue has been opened as I walked past, a strong smell of cannabis has come from the venue.

I have nothing further to add at this time.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320

Witness contact details

Case Number:

Name of witness: Miss Georgia Taft

Former name: N/A

*Email address: [REDACTED]@westmidlands.police.uk

*Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent

Address: Bloxwich Police Station

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number:

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency: As per MyTime

Gender: N/A Date and place of birth: N/A Ethnicity Code (16+1): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months) None

Witness care

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015*)

Yes No If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. Yes
 - b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet **with the crime number on.** Yes No
 - c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. Yes No
 - d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation Yes No
 - e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (*obtained in accordance with local practice*) Yes No N/A
 - f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. Yes No N/A
 - g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes No N/A
 - I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes No N/A
 - *I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.*
 - *I understand that my details may be passed to other agencies who can offer me help and support in relation to being a victim of this crime.*
- I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. Yes No

Signature: Georgia Taft 24320

Address: Bloxwich Police Station

Contact tel no: Not provided

Statement taken by: Georgia Taft

Place and time statement taken: Bloxwich Police Station 03:07 PM

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Libby Clark

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Libby Clark 21704**Date: Friday, 05 August 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

This statement is in relation to the Lexx Bar and Grill, 75 Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ.

On SATURDAY 30th JULY 2022 at approximately 23.30hrs I attended Lexx Bar and Grill, 75 Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in company with Sgt 5328 COPE and PS 0670 HOLLOWOOD. We conducted a routine walk through of the premises. I asked if there were any door staff at the location and a female who identified herself as 'Melissa' stated that the door staff were not there at the time, they currently had 6 people inside the premises and it was a private party until the door staff got there.

We conducted a walk through of the property and as soon as we entered the entrance of the club there was a strong smell of cannabis just inside of the property, it was pretty much empty apart from the staff, DJ and 3 members of the public. When we asked where the Door staff were she stated that they were on route, tried to call her manager and then had a varied response of how long they were going to be. It was clear the staff were not in place and the staff present did not know when and how long they were going to be there for before the door staff arrived. The property is dirty and looks run down.

I have produced my body worn video of the walk through and uploaded it onto evidence.com and produce this as EC/01 and Court Reference ().

I have nothing further to add.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Libby Clark 21704

Witness contact details

Case Number:

Name of witness: Mrs Libby Clark

Former name: N/A

*Email address: [redacted]@westmidlands.police.uk

*Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent

Address: walsall civic centre

Postcode:

Preferred telephone number: [redacted]

Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency: Not provided

Gender: N/A Date and place of birth: N/A Ethnicity Code (16+1): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months) None

Witness care

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015*)

Yes No If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. Yes
- b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet **with the crime number on.** Yes No
- c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. Yes No
- d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation Yes No
- e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (*obtained in accordance with local practice*) Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. Yes No N/A
- g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes No N/A
I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes No N/A

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I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. Yes No

Signature: Libby Clark 21704

Address: walsall civic centre

Contact tel no: 8896303

Statement taken by: Libby Clark Place and time statement taken: Walsall Civic Centre 08:21 AM

Crime Number:.....

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Carl Dodgson

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PCSO 31622

This statement (consisting of page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: C DODGSON Date 03/08/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

MG11 (2016)

On Wednesday 03/08/2022 at 09:32 I attended the following location Walsall Civic Centre Partnerships Office to view CCTV alongside Kenney Patten Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to possible licensing issues at Lexx Bar & Grill, Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in the early hours of Sunday 31/07/2022. I viewed this CCTV from time stamp 02:40 to 03:00 and observed the following. At 02:40 two females entered the premises without being searched or a bag search being conducted, they were followed moments later by two males who also entered the premises without being searched. At 02:41 a male and a female enter the premises without a search including bag search on the female taking place. At 02:42 a group of three males then enter the premises with no search being conducted, these males are then followed by two males at 02:43 who had been in a car outside the location who appear to show a wristband and are allowed entry with no search taking place. At 02:44 a lone male attends the premises, this male has his jacket briefly patted down before being allowed access to the premises. Four males attend and are allowed entry to the premises with no search taking place at 02:46 and a further male is allowed access to the venue without search at 02:50. Two females who had previously left the venue to attend a parked vehicle over the road were allowed access without search at 02:52 as were two females at 02:54 and one female who had visited a vehicle minutes before returned to her vehicle again and was allowed entry without search again at 02:55, in these instances where the females had bags the bags were not checked. One male was also allowed access to the venue without search at 02:54. Furthermore at 02:56 a group consisting of two females and one male were allowed into the venue without search including bag search for the females as was a singular male at 02:57. Kenny Patten Community Support Officer is producing this CCTV should it be required at a later date. I have booked this CCTV into property under reference [REDACTED] & Seal [REDACTED]. I have nothing further to add.

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Signature: C Dodgson..... Signature witnessed by:

OFFICIAL (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Jenny O'Neill

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Neighbourhood Policing Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Jennifer O'Neill 24370

Date: Wednesday, 07 September 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Constable Jenny O'Neill, collar number 24370 of the West Midlands Police, currently attached to Blakenall Neighbourhood Policing Team and stationed at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION, 1 STATION STREET, BLOXWICH, WALSALL WS3 2PD.

Between 2300HRS on 06 August 2022 and 0500HRS on 07 August 2022, I was deployed to police Walsall Night Time Economy (NTE), log 3607. I had responsibility for Zone 3 with PC 8317 WALL and PC 24181 ROLFE which covered a venue called the LEXX JERKZ BAR AND GRILL, BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1JQ.

During the night, I was tasked with updating the NTE log in relation to the numbers of persons at various premises within Zone 3. I made three log entries from information provided by the door staff about the numbers of persons at the LEXX BAR. The first log entry at 0030HRS, I recorded 30 persons and 4 door staff at venue, then at 0156HRS door staff said that there were 25 persons at the venue. Throughout the night, I noted quite significant numbers of people attending the venue with very few actually leaving, which made me question whether the numbers provided were accurate.

At approximately 0250HRS, myself, PC WALL and PC ROLFE completed a walk-through of the venue. This was following a further report that there was then 40 persons at the venue. Upon walking through the venue, there were clearly more than 40 persons in the venue and this was later challenged by my colleagues, resulting in the door staff subsequently reporting a different number of 85, still within the maximum capacity of 120, 60 in the front and 60 in the back. I updated the log accordingly with this information at 0255HRS.

I was in possession of my Body Worn Video, which has recorded the walk-through of the Lex Bar and I can exhibit this as JLO/01 (court ref.....).

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Jennifer O'Neill 24370

Witness contact details

Case Number:

Name of witness: Jenny O'Neill

Former name: N/A

*Email address: [redacted]@westmidlands.police.uk

*Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent

Address: West Midlands Police, Bloxwich Police Station, 1 Station Road, Walsall
Postcode: WS3 2PD

Preferred telephone number: [redacted] Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency: Not provided

Gender: N/A Date and place of birth: N/A Ethnicity Code (16+1): N/A

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months) None

Witness care

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015)

Yes No If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. Yes
 - b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet **with the crime number on.** Yes No
 - c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. Yes No
 - d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation Yes No
 - e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (obtained in accordance with local practice) Yes No N/A
 - f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. Yes No N/A
 - g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes No N/A
I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes No N/A
- I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.
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- I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. Yes No

Signature: Jennifer O'Neill 24370

Address: West Midlands Police, Bloxwich Police Station, 1 Station Road, Walsall
Contact tel no: 07765601685

Statement taken by: Jennifer O'Neill Place and time statement taken: Bloxwich 08:46 AM

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mr Scott James

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Response Supervisor

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: Scott James 20749

Date: Friday, 12 August 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Police Sergeant 20749 Scott JAMES, of The West Midlands Police, currently stationed at Bloxwich Police Station, Walsall, attached to Force Response Team B.

On the morning of Friday 12th August 2022, at 0121 Hours, I came across an altercation outside Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill, Bridge Street Walsall. It appeared that customers had been arguing with doormen on the front door, but no persons were willing to speak to myself in relation to what had happened.

I spoke to the Council CCTV control room, who advised me that they had observed a male walk away from Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill towards Goodall Street, where he had gone to a vehicle VRM [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] Audi Q7 and secrete what they believed to be a weapon in the spare wheel compartment of the boot.

The male was described as a Black male, Khaki Green Shorts, and black T-Shirt, and had been observed to go back onto Bridge Street

I relayed this information to officers, Pc Burnage and Pc Hughes who had just arrived on scene, requesting that they detained the male for the purpose of a search for Weapons. The male was detained outside Lexx Jerkz which resulted in a bit of a hostile crowd forming.

Pc Burnage informed the detained male that he was being detained for a search, and attempted to place him into handcuffs, but he became passively resistant, using his size and build to his advantage. Fearing that the male would try and make off, I have gone behind the male, using a bear hug to assist Pc Burnage with placing the male into handcuffs. The male eventually calmed down sufficiently for handcuffs to be applied and a search was conducted.

Pc Burnage located an Audi vehicle key.

I took this key, explaining to the male that he had been witnessed placing a suspected weapon in the vehicle, and advised him that the vehicle would also be searched. I asked him to come and observed the search of the vehicle.

The male, along with a group of bystanders followed us onto Goodall Street where the vehicle was parked. Using the

Signature: Scott James 20749

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20/720708/22

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Scott James

key I unlocked the vehicle, raised the boot, and lifted the boot floor, to uncover a knife in the void between the boot floor and spare wheel. Along with the knife was a bottle of spirits, rope and other items of no significance.

I would describe the knife as a small kitchen knife, black handle with black metal blade, which was heavily scratched and snapped at the end so the blades point was missing.

Conscious to the fact we had a hostile crowd about us, I closed the boot, to secure the knife until we had gained further control.

I ensured Pc Burnage was aware I had located a knife. The male was subsequently arrested for Possession of a knife, but proclaimed he was a chef. Officers began to walk him away to the vehicle. The bystanders then became more hostile towards us, filming and shouting in my face, claiming that we were racist. One male as he spoke, I would describe as 50-60 years of age, light skinned Jamaican, slim build wearing dark clothing, was spraying spittle as he shouted, of which some landed on the right hand side of my face. Disgusted and wishing to create some distance from him, I have pushed him back, telling him not to continue spitting. This seemed to inflame the situation almost immediately. The male became more aggressive, and was showing signs of aggression clenching fists, leaning forward and saying threatening things, fearing for my personal safety, I have drawn Parva spray in preparation to use it against the crowd.

I was soon joined by further units namely PC Steptoe and Police dog handler PC Hawkins. Their presence dispersed the crowd sufficiently to allow me to continue to search the vehicle and recover the knife.

At 0145 Hours, I recovered the knife from the rear boot void, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/1) Court Reference (#____), subsequently booked into detained property under reference [REDACTED]

I was then alerted to a small bag of herbal cannabis found in the drivers door pocket, which I have seized at 0149 Hours, which I can produce to the court as my exhibit, Police Reference (SJ/2) Court Reference (#____), subsequently booked into detained property under reference [REDACTED].

During the incident I have been utilising body worn video, of which I have uploaded two clips to evidence.com under reference 0187,12/08/22, which I can produce to the court as Police Reference (SJ/3) Court Reference (#____), and Police Reference (SJ/4) Court Reference (#____),

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Scott James 20749

Signature: Scott James 20749

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B****Investigation No.**20/720708/22,
20/720534/22**Case Number**

Statement of: Mr Mark Burnage

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Response Officer

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Signature: Mark Burnage 22593**Date: Friday, 12 August 2022**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am PC 22593 BURNAGE of WEST MIDLANDS POLICE currently stationed at BLOXWICH POLICE STATION.

On THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST 2022, I have been on uniformed patrol attached to call sign RWO86 in company with PC 24033 HUGHES.

At approximately 01:20 on FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 2022 I have been directed to BRIDGE STREET, WALSALL following reports of disorder at the location. I have been informed via my police radio a male had been seen to approach an AUDI vehicle and place a weapon within the boot before walking back towards BRIDGE STREET.

A description of this male has been given as an IC3 male, slim build in a black t-shirt and green shorts, a male matching the description has been located outside of LEXX BAR & GRILL on BRIDGE STREET, I have directed the male away from LEXX GRILL as I have done so, I have been informed via my police radio that CCTV operators had confirmed the male I had approached was the male seen to dispose of a weapon within a vehicle.

With this information I have conducted a Section 1 PACE search on the male who I now know to be [REDACTED] bn: [REDACTED] on searching the male I have located an AUDI CAR KEY within his shorts pocket, [REDACTED] has directed us to his vehicle parked a short distance on GOODALL STREET, [REDACTED] has identified his vehicle as a [REDACTED] AUDI Q7 VRM: [REDACTED]

PS 20749 JAMES has completed a search of the vehicle where a kitchen knife has been located within the spare tyre compartment of the boot.

At approximately 01:40 I have informed [REDACTED] that he was under arrest for POSSESSION OF AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON I have then "CAUTIONED" [REDACTED] who has made no reply after "CAUTION"

I have been travelling along towards WOLVERHAMPTON CUSTODY when I have been informed by PS 20749 JAMES during the search of the vehicle a bag of herbal cannabis within the drivers door card.

Signature: Mark Burnage 22593

Investigation No.

20/720708/22,
20/720534/22

Case Number

Statement of: Mr Mark Burnage

reference: ██████████ Seal Number: ██████████

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature: Mark Burnage 22593

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Crime Number:.....

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Carl Dodgson

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: PCSO 31622.....

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Signature: C DODGSON Date 17/08/2022

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MG11 (2016)

On Tuesday 16/08/2022 at 13:30 I attended the following location Walsall Civic Centre Partnerships Office to view CCTV alongside Kenney Patten Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to possible licensing issues at Lexx Bar & Grill, Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in the early hours of Friday 12/08/2022. I viewed this CCTV from time stamp 01:15 and observed the following. At 01:17:32 the male later involved in crime reports 20/720708/22 - Having an article with a blade or point in a public place & 20/720534/22 - Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B – Cannabis, is seen to be ejected from inside of Lexx Bar & Grill out onto Bridge Street, Walsall. I have nothing further to add.

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Signature: C Dodgson..... Signature witnessed by:

OFFICIAL (when complete)

Witness contact details

URN : / / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name.....*Email address:

Jennifer Mellor

From: Jennifer Mellor
Sent: 01 September 2022 13:06
To: Melanie Jordan
Cc: Neil Aston-Baugh
Subject: Lexx Bar and Grill

Good afternoon Melanie

West Midlands Police are continuing to smell cannabis at your premise together with concerns you are operating over capacity.

On Saturday evening in the early hours of Sunday morning one of our Sgts were engaging with your door staff. When asked on their capacity numbers they initially stated they had 122 customers inside, but when challenged a lady called Melanie which could have been yourself, stated she only had 90 persons inside. Whilst the Sgt was at your premise Melanie stopped persons entering stating that the venue was now at capacity and was a "one in one out" from this time. Today the Local Authority CCTV was viewed from the point where the police left the venue to ensure that the "one in one out" direction was being followed which was the case until 02:50 hours. Nine people were then allowed entry to the premises by door staff in the following 5 minutes with no customers leaving through the same route. The Sgt has also commented that the smell of cannabis could be smelt emanating from your club.

Can you please confirm if this was yourself at the door and why the venue was allowed to go over capacity with a continued smell of cannabis.

Kind regards

Jennifer

Jennifer Mellor
Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer
Walsall Partnership Team
Walsall Police
Civic Centre, Walsall

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Signature: C DODGSON Date 01/09/2022

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On Thursday 01/09/2022 at 11:20 I attended the following location Walsall Civic Centre Partnerships Office to view CCTV alongside Kenney Patten Community Support Officer of Walsall Council in relation to possible licensing issues at Lexx Bar & Grill, Bridge St, Walsall WS1 1JQ in the early hours of Sunday 28/08/2022 from 02:30. I viewed this CCTV from time stamp 02:30 and observed the following. At 02:32 a police officer attends the entrance to Lexx Bar & Grill, according to police log 3803 of 27/08/22 the following conversations have taken place " Usual smell of Cannabis emanating from Lexx Bar, however insufficient officer numbers from 0230 Hours to enable a proactive walkthrough. I have spoken to door staff who initially stated they had 122 customers inside, but when challenged about capacity, had forgotten their cap. Melanie has then been on the door and monetarily stated she only had 90 persons inside, but challenged about her door staffs numbers and has then stopped persons entering whilst I have been at their door, stating that the venue was now at capacity and was a one in one out from this time. No further issues reported, and generally an older crowd." I have viewed the CCTV from this point to ensure that the one in one out direction was being followed which was the case until 02:50 where nine people were allowed entry to the premises by door staff in the following 5 minutes with no customers leaving through the same route. I have nothing further to add.....

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Spate of violence in Walsall leads to increase in police patrols

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Police are upping their presence in Walsall town centre after a spate of violent attacks in the area.

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Police in Walsall town centre. Photo: SnapperSK

Violence has increased in the centre of Walsall in recent weekends, with Bridge Street and Leicester Street seeing an increase in incidents according to West Midlands Police.

Flashpoints have included a man needing hospital treatment after being punched to the ground during a fight with three other men on Leicester Street last Saturday.

The week before, father-of-two Daniel Wheeler fractured his skull and suffered a bleed on the brain when he was hit by a car which mounted the pavement on Bridge Street. The same vehicle was also seen driving the wrong way down one-way streets and weaving across roads.

And in another incident weapons were used during a brawl in the town.

West Midlands Police is now increasing the number of patrols in the town in a bid to clamp down on the violence.

The force said it has a good working relationship with the local hospitality industry and Walsall Council's licensing team and will work with venues to prevent any licensing breaches.

Inspector Liz Pearson, who is responsible for policing in Walsall, said: "We've seen an increase in people returning to the town centre, which is great.

"I can completely understand that people are excited to get out and meet people following the lifting of the restrictions we've all been under.

"We know it often starts as aggressive behaviour fuelled by excessive drinking but it has had some devastating consequences.

"We want people to enjoy a safe evening so we're stepping up our policing presence, and we continue to work with security staff in licensed premises, and our wider partners.

"Please come and enjoy our vibrant town centre - but be kind - we must look after each other and enjoy a great atmosphere."

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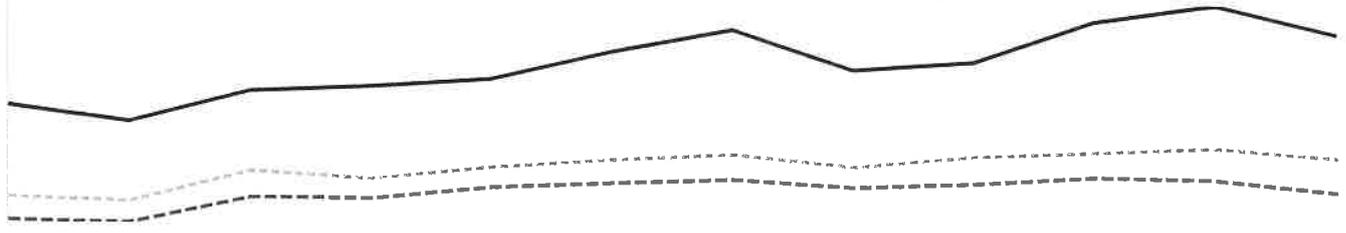
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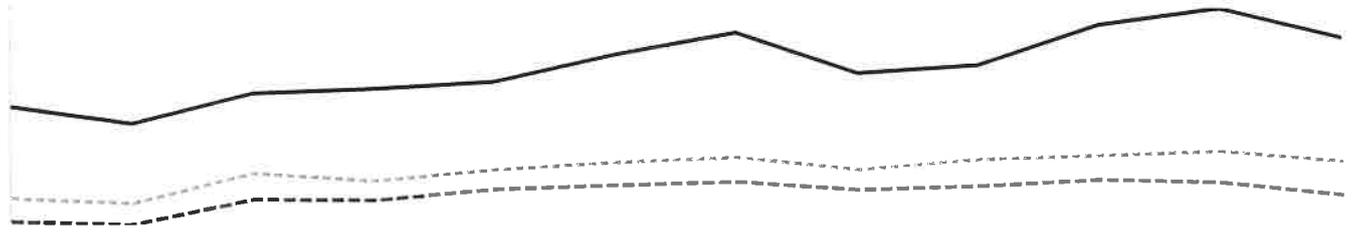
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Historical Crime Rates for Walsall

Year ▲ ▼	Crime Rate per 1,000 people ▲ ▼	Total Crimes ▲ ▼
2021	143	10,482
2020	110	8,065
2019	110	8,028
2018	108	7,890
2017	96	7,030
2016	88	6,450



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Summary of Crimes in Walsall This Year

Crime	Walsall		West Midlands		Rate Difference
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1,073	14.65	35,993	12.29	↓ 16% more dangerous
Bicycle Theft	68	0.93	2,439	0.83	↓ 11% more dangerous
Burglary	570	7.78	18,775	6.41	↓ 18% more dangerous
Criminal Damage and Arson	755	10.31	28,353	9.68	↓ 6% more dangerous
Drugs	272	3.71	7,355	2.51	↓ 32% more dangerous
Other Crime	175	2.39	6,671	2.28	↓

Crime	Walsall		West Midlands		Rate Difference
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	
Other Theft	685	9.35	20,301	6.93	↓ 26% more dangerous
Possession of Weapons	233	3.18	5,486	1.87	↓ 41% more dangerous
Public Order	1,095	14.95	35,215	12.02	↓ 20% more dangerous
Robbery	239	3.26	7,409	2.53	↓ 22% more dangerous
Shoplifting	489	6.68	12,987	4.43	↓ 34% more dangerous
Theft From the Person	116	1.58	3,202	1.09	↓ 31% more dangerous
Vehicle Crime	1,049	14.33	29,930	10.22	↓ 29% more dangerous
Violence and Sexual Offences	4,736	64.68	166,641	56.90	↓ 12% more dangerous

Walsall Compared to Nearby Major Towns

Major Town ▲ ▼	Total Crimes ▲ ▼	Crime Rate ▲ ▼	Rate Difference ▲ ▼
Sutton Coldfield	6,682	62.14	↑ 130% safer
Solihull	7,840	72.34	↑ 98% safer
Stourbridge	5,203	80.51	↑ 78% safer
Dudley	11,105	130.94	

Major Town ▲ ▼	Total Crimes ▲ ▼	Crime Rate ▲ ▼	Rate Difference ▲ ▼
Walsall	10,482	143.15	-
West Bromwich	11,926	151.00	↓ 5% more dangerous

Crime Over Time in Walsall

View crime percentage over time for

Anti-Social Behaviour
▼

Recent Crimes in Walsall

Date	Crime Type	Location	Outcom
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Glebe Street	

Date	Crime Type	Location	Outcom
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Ford Street	Unable to
May 2022	Public order	On or near Southmead Way	Unable to
May 2022	Criminal damage and arson	On or near Alumwell Close	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Moncrieffe Street	Action to
May 2022	Public order	On or near Walsall Road	Investigat
May 2022	Burglary	On or near Further/Higher Educational Building	Investigat
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near William Street	Investigat
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Lysways Street	Unable to
May 2022	Possession of weapons	On or near Bloxwich Road	Unable to
May 2022	Robbery	On or near Bradford Street	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near New Mills Street	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Broadway North	Unable to
May 2022	Vehicle crime	On or near Henry Street	Investigat
May 2022	Public order	On or near Supermarket	Investigat
May 2022	Vehicle crime	On or near Little Newport Street	Investigat
May 2022	Possession of weapons	On or near Manorhouse Close	to

Date	Crime Type	Location	Outcome
May 2022	Other theft	On or near South Street	Unable to
May 2022	Criminal damage and arson	On or near Ryecroft Park	Unable to
May 2022	Violence and sexual offences	On or near Southbourne Avenue	Investiga

Walsall Crime Trends

Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	Trend
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	16	22	15	↑ Safer
Bicycle Theft	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.93	↓ Getting worse
Burglary	10	9	7	8	↑ Safer
Criminal Damage and Arson	10	10	9	10	↓ Getting worse
Drugs	1.6	3.1	2.9	3.7	↓ Getting worse
Other Crime	1.3	1.8	1.9	2.4	↓ Getting worse
Other Theft	12	8	8	9	↑ Safer

Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	Trend
Possession of Weapons	1.3	1.7	2.1	3.2	↓ Getting worse
Public Order	6	8	11	15	↓ Getting worse
Robbery (inc. mugging)	3.5	3.4	2.7	3.3	↑ Safer
Shoplifting	11	11	6	7	↑ Safer
Theft From the Person (inc. pickpocketing)	1.6	1.6	0.87	1.6	↑ Safer
Vehicle Crime	15	11	10	14	↓ Getting worse
Violence and Sexual Offences	34	41	49	65	↓ Getting worse

Changes In Walsall's Crime Rates Over Time

Comparing Walsall to the UK's Major Cities

Major Town ▲ ▼	Crime Rate ▲ ▼	Rate Difference ▲ ▼
Barnet	67.08	↑ 113% safer
Croydon	82.48	↑ 74% safer
Sheffield	91.10	↑ 57% safer
Bristol	93.77	↑ 53% safer
Coventry	102.37	↑ 40% safer
Leicester	111.75	↑ 28% safer
Liverpool	127.90	↑ 12% safer
Birmingham	137.17	↑ 4.4% safer

Major Town ^ v	Crime Rate ^ v	Rate Difference ^ v
Walsall	143.15	-
Bradford	145.60	↓ 1.7% more dangerous
Leeds	153.06	↓ 6% more dangerous

Crime in Walsall's Neighbourhoods

Walsall Central is the most dangerous neighbourhood in Walsall, followed by Walsall West in second place, and Walsall North East as the third most dangerous area. Walsall's safest neighbourhoods are, in order, The Delves, Walsall East, and Walsall South East.

Neighbourhood ^ v	Crime Count ^ v	Crime Rate ^ v	Danger Rank ^ v
Leamore	861	121	Fifth
Palfrey	1,016	94	Sixth
Pleck	1,177	133	Fourth
The Delves	624	94	Seventh
Walsall Central	3,670	332	First
Walsall East	540	81	Eighth
Walsall North East	969	139	Third
Walsall South East	279	41	Ninth

Neighbourhood ▲ ▼	Crime Count ▲ ▼	Crime Rate ▲ ▼	Danger Rank ▲ ▼
Walsall West	1,313	159	Second

Walsall Neighbourhood Crime Breakdown

Showing the safest and most dangerous parts of Walsall for specific criminal activity, with crime count and rate shown in brackets.

Crime Type	Safest Neighbourhood	Most Dangerous Neighbourhood
Anti-Social Behaviour	Walsall South East (26)	Walsall Central (403)
Bicycle Theft	Palfrey (2)	Walsall Central (43)
Burglary	Walsall South East (24)	Walsall Central (200)
Criminal Damage and Arson	Walsall South East (15)	Walsall Central (256)
Drugs	Walsall South East (2)	Walsall Central (132)
Other Crime	Palfrey (10)	Walsall Central (58)
Other Theft	Walsall South East (14)	Pleck (195)
Possession of Weapons	Walsall South East (2)	Walsall Central (113)
Public Order	Walsall South East (25)	Walsall Central (422)
Robbery (inc. mugging)	Walsall South East (7)	Walsall Central (101)
Shoplifting	Walsall South East (1)	Walsall Cent

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Theft From the Person (inc. pickpocketing)	Leamore (1)	Walsall Central (86)
Vehicle Crime	Walsall South East (40)	Walsall Central (254)
Violence and Sexual Offences	Walsall South East (139)	Walsall Central (1,556)

Crime in Walsall During Coronavirus Lockdowns

Looking at the months the UK was in lockdown in 2020 due to Covid-19, how did crime rates in Walsall change compared to the same month in 2019? The biggest increase in lockdown crime came in May, when Walsall saw a 250% increase in bicycle theft. Walsall saw a large fall in theft from the person during April, when it fell by 90% compared to April in 2019.

Crime	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Anti-Social Behaviour	+9%	+130%	+57%	+46%	-2%	+27%	+64%	+70%
Bicycle Theft	+150%	-25%	+250%	-	-42%	+40%	+133%	-56%
Burglary	-31%	-40%	-45%	-19%	+7%	-15%	-41%	-55%
Criminal Damage and Arson	+33%	-2%	-24%	-32%	-7%	-5%	+12%	+23%
Drugs	-23%	+18%	+33%	-25%	+20%	-41%	-27%	-46%
Other Crime	+11%	+14%			+20%			

Crime	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Other Theft	-21%	-50%	-22%	-	+43%	+8%	+15%	+24%
Possession of Weapons	+9%	-38%	+9%	+67%	-8%	+25%	+20%	+89%
Public Order	-25%	+35%	+18%	+14%	+96%	+25%	+56%	+84%
Robbery	-43%	-33%	-6%	-48%	-45%	-16%	-38%	+23%
Shoplifting	-73%	-71%	-61%	-68%	-45%	-25%	-29%	-33%
Theft From the Person	-11%	-90%	-62%	-71%	-71%	-29%	-38%	-50%
Vehicle Crime	+19%	-44%	-60%	-48%	-42%	-38%	+7%	-8%
Violence and Sexual Offences	+10%	-14%	+1%	+8%	+31%	+17%	+17%	+61%

Frequently Asked Questions About Crime in Walsall

What police force serves Walsall?

Walsall's local territorial police force is the West Midlands Police.

How dangerous is Walsall?

Walsall is the second most dangerous major town in the West Midlands.

What is Walsall's most common crime?

The most common crimes in Walsall are violence and sexual offences.

What is the least common crime in Walsall?

Walsall's least common crime is bicycle theft.

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Carl Dodgson

From: Scott James
Sent: 12 August 2022 04:14
To: Jennifer Mellor
Cc: Philip Upton; Steven Markham; Becky Taylor
Subject: Lexx Jerkz

Jen,

Have a look at [REDACTED]-120822. Minor altercation at the door of Lexx this morning. Council CCTV have tracked male going to car on Goodall Street and placing item back in there, then coming back onto Bridge Street. Male detained and subjected to S1 PACE. Vehicle key recovered, Vehicle Searched and knife and cannabis found in vehicle.

Patrons of Lexx have been very hostile towards us as normal 😞

CCTV and Body worn upladed.

PIC in custody [REDACTED].

Possession of a bladed article - [REDACTED]

Possession of class B - [REDACTED]

Appears the PIC is the [REDACTED]

For awareness for officers working NTE this weekend.

Regards

Sgt 20749 Scott James | Force Response Supervisor Bloxwich Team B

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. N/A

URN N/A

Statement of Jennifer Mellor

Age if under 18 over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Walsall Licensing & Regulatory Service Officer, West midlands Police

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness)

Date 19th October 2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Jennifer Mellor 60384, Walsall Licensing and Regulatory Services Officer currently stationed at Walsall Police Station.

On Monday 18th October I was finalising the supporting evidence relating to the licesning hearing for Lexx Jerkz Bar and Grill. On researching police systems for any relevant information held I as alerted to the following information.

Offences: Speeding - exceed 30 miles per hour on restricted road - automatic camera device - On or In 03/09/2021

Fail to give information relating to the identification of the driver / rider of a vehicle when required - On or In 06/10/2021

On speaking with our Traffice Investigation Unit, Melanie Jordan fail to supply police with the information requested. These offences resulted in the courts issuing a £660 fine and costs. This is further evidence Melanie Jordan is not prepared to work with police.

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Witness contact details

URN : / / /

Name of witness: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

Former name

*Email address:

*Email address needed for correspondence i.e. support material to be sent

Address Postcode:

Preferred telephone number: Alternate telephone number:

Agreed means of contact and frequency :

Gender Date and place of birth Ethnicity Code (16+1)

DATES OF WITNESS NON-AVAILABILITY: (12 months)

Witness care

Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (*youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case. ALSO crimes involving gun and knife crimes and victims of Modern Slavery Act 2015*)

Yes No If 'Yes', submit **MG2** with file in NGAP, contested or indictable only cases OR to read VPS in GAP cases.

Witness Consent (for witness completion)

- a) I am aware that I may have to attend court. Yes
- b) I have been given the Victims' leaflet **with the crime number on.** Yes No
- c) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been offered to me. Yes No
- d) It has been explained to me what will happen next with this investigation Yes No
- e) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter (*obtained in accordance with local practice*) Yes No N/A
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA, CLPD. Yes No N/A
- g) **Child witness cases only.** I have had the provision regarding reporting restrictions explained to me. Yes No N/A
- I would like the CPS to apply for reporting restrictions on my behalf. Yes No N/A

- *I understand that the information recorded above will be passed on to the Witness Service, which offers help and support to witnesses pre-trial and at court.*
- *I understand that my details may be passed to other agencies who can offer me help and support in relation to being a victim of this crime.*

I give my informed and explicit consent for my personal details to be passed to other agencies that can support me or are involved in the criminal justice process. Yes No

Signature..... Date

Parent/guardian signature..... Date

Address

Contact tel no

Supporter signature..... Date

Statement taken by (*print name*): Station:

Time and place statement taken:

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