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**PETERBOROUGH**



Environmental Services

**Peterborough City Council, Licensing Section, Bridge House,  
Town Bridge, Peterborough, PE1 1HU**

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

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

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**I, Simon Parr, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary apply  
for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing  
Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
Mansfield Snooker Club, 119a Lincoln Road	
<b>Post town</b> PETERBOROUGH	<b>Post code (if known)</b> PE1 2PW

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b>
Mr Gohar Hanif Darr, 245 Gladstone Street, Peterborough, PE1 2BS

<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b>
051967

**Part 2 - Applicant details**

Please tick ✓ yes

I am

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

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

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

**Surname**

**First names**

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

**Current address**

**Post Town**  **Postcode**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address (optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address Cambridgeshire Constabulary Hinchingsbrooke Park Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE29 6NP
Telephone number (if any) 01733 424438
E-mail (optional) Grahame.robinson@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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

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

**Please state the ground(s) for review** (please read guidance note1)

This application to review the premises license for Mansfield Snooker Club is based on evidence which shows consistent breaches to the licensing objectives of:

- Crime & Disorder – Regular and consistent activity which has contributed towards crime and disorder.
- Public Safety – The premises does not have effective CCTV or other control measures in place that would ensure the safety of customers in the early hours of operation.

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

Re: License Review – Mansfield Snooker Club, 119a Lincoln Road, Peterborough.

Mansfield Snooker Club is a Proprietary Club offering access to approved and authorised members in accordance with 'Rules for Mansfield Snooker Club' to play Snooker. The premises operates under a full Premises License (PL No: 051967) issued by Peterborough City Council. The Premises License holder and Designated Premises Supervisor is Mr. Gohar Hanif Darr of 245 Gladstone Street, Peterborough, PE1 2BS, who holds an Alcohol personal license No: 045367 issued by Peterborough City Council.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary wish to review the premises license due to the fact that alcohol related violent crime and disorder has increased remarkably at the venue in the last six months (01<sup>st</sup> January 2014 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014), as compared to the previous six months. The Premises License Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor (being the same person) has a duty to uphold the Licensing Objectives. It is my opinion that this is not being achieved, despite various compliance visits. As such I submit the following summary of evidence to the Committee for their consideration and any subsequent action in relation to the alleged breaches of the licensing objectives. Mr. Darr and other Regulatory Authorities have been served / sighted with this review application.

Between 01<sup>st</sup> July 2013 & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, one crime was recorded, a serious violent crime concerning the Mansfield Snooker Club. Crime File reference CF0337190913 details a Section 20 GBH wounding which occurred between 04:50hrs and 04:58hrs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013. Since 01<sup>st</sup> January 2014 there have been 9 violent crime incidents that we know of. The following crimes and calls for Police attendance have occurred at the premises:

- **CF0003830114** refers to Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 at 21:25hrs officers searched an Asian male who was found in possession of two bags of herbal cannabis.
- **CC-11012014-0066** refers to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at **05:00hrs** where a Constabulary call handler details a call for assistance at the venue whereby it is reported that 20 persons are fighting. Lots of shouting could be heard in the back ground. Officers attended and were met with silence from customers, what was perceived by officers as lack of co-operation from staff and no aggrieved or offenders.
- **CC-17012014-0446** refers to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 19:08hrs is linked to above incident. The aggrieved calls Police and reports that he received a broken collar bone whilst getting assaulted at Mansfield Snooker Club.
- **CF0021780114** refers to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at **05:00hrs** which details a Section 18 GBH inflicted on the agg'd when a fight took place at the venue. This crime is linked to the incident reported above and was only

reported to Police 7 days later on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The crime details how chairs were used offensively and a fire extinguisher was let off. The aggrieved received a broken collar bone. Crime enquiries with the DPS revealed that the *CCTV was not working at the time of the alleged disorder.*

- **CC-29012014-0035** refers to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at **06:16hrs** and details a request for assistance from an aggrieved who alleged he was punched to the face several times within the venue. The incident stated that the offender had left but staff would know his name. Enquires by attending Police Officers revealed that staff did not know the offenders name but stated he was a regular.
- **CF0036520114** refers to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at **06:05hrs** and relates to a Common Assault & Battery linked to the above reported incident. Further Crime enquires in relation to this reveal from staff that *they do not operate the 'Members only' policy in accordance with club rules.* The offender is still unidentified.
- **CF0051150214** refers to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 between **00:01hrs** and **03:00hrs** and relates to a complicated series of assaults by the offender on the aggrieved at various locations including the Mansfield Snooker Club. The crime was recorded as a Section 20 GBH but appears to be reclassified as an ABH due to injuries sustained. It transpires that this crime relates to a jealous spat between two females over a male which resulted at the Snooker Hall and spilled out at the front of the venue whilst those involved were waiting for a taxi.
- **CC-14032014-0050** refers to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at **04:47hrs** where the informant, requesting immediate Police assistance states that - "2 victims being beaten up by a group of Asians inside the club". Furthermore the informant stated that Police should get the CCTV straight away as, knowing *the owner (probably barman in charge), normally wipes the CCTV if something happens inside.* At 05:06hrs it was reported that the aggrieved had their heads stamped on a number of times and by 05:12hrs the offenders had left.
- **CF0094360314** refers to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at **04:47hrs** and relates to the above incident raised as a racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury. The initial crime notes record that - "*you do not have to be a member to attend the club, people come and go freely*", and detail how the two aggrieved who were playing snooker and under a *high level of intoxication* were aware of a group of males who had been 'goading' them and others all night. They believed the group was looking for a fight. They describe how they tried to ignore the group when they were *suddenly attacked, forced to the floor where they were kicked and stamped upon.* CCTV was described as being available but could not be copied at the officers' request at the time. *CCTV was further described as being of poor quality.* The aggrieved details in his statement to Police - "*I believe this to be racially motivated and they didn't want us in there snooker club*". The aggrieved were called racially defamatory names. The member of staff present at the time refused to co-operate with Police and did not provide a witness statement. Ultimately following protracted enquiries the

aggrieved eventually failed to maintain contact with the Police.

- **CF0094400314** refers to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at **04:30hrs** and relates to the second aggrieved in relation to the above incident and crime. All details in this crime mirror that as above.
- **CC-11042014-0469** refers to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 18:13hrs whereby the informant and alleged aggrieved called for Police assistance stating he had been assaulted at the venue. The male is described as *sounding very drunk* by the Police Call Handler. A Paramedic at the scene stated that the male had not been assaulted but had been ejected for harassing a barmaid.
- **CF0133970414** refers to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 18:13hrs and linked to above incident. This crime raised as an ABH and details how the aggrieved went to the club for a drink. He has engaged in conversation with the barmaid, whom he has had several conversations with during previous visits to the club. An unknown male is alleged to have punched the aggrieved to the face before grabbing his right arm, dragging him outside and dumping him on the floor. Enquiries reveal from the DPS that the offender is the boyfriend of the barmaid, who allegedly escorted the male out at the request of the barmaid *because he was drunk*. CCTV did not show any assault.
- **CC-04052014-0100** refers to Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at **07:44hrs** where the aggrieved reports that she has been hit in the face three times by a known offender. *CCTV was checked at the venue and deemed to be of such poor quality* and did not show any assault.
- **CF0162680514** refers to Sunday 04<sup>th</sup> May 2014 between **06:00hrs** and 06:30hrs where a crime of ABH occurred and two people were assaulted. The crime details how – *“During the evening / morning things have deteriorated due to heavy drinking”*. An argument has started which results in the suspect punching the victim in the face three times and a glass is smashed over the victims’ partner. All parties have left the club and a further fight has taken place on Lincoln Road, where it is reported that an innocent member of the public passing by is assaulted. Unfortunately the aggrieved did not support Police enquiries and *CCTV, being of such a poor quality*, did not reveal any offences.
- **CC-29052014-0039** refers to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at **03:24hrs** which details how an aggrieved has taken sanctuary in the venue toilets after being assaulted by another.
- **CF0197280514** refers to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at **03:15hrs**. A crime has been raised for Common Assault but filed due to lack of co-operation from the aggrieved and no CCTV evidence.
- **CF0212180614** refers to Monday 09<sup>th</sup> June 2014 between **04:00hrs** and 04:30hrs and details how a taxi driver has parked his taxi outside the venue and whilst inside person(s) have broken into the vehicle and stolen items. Attending officers *could not get a copy of CCTV* as the barman did not know

how to operate the system and officers were told to come back later. CCTV was eventually seized showing two suspects but was rejected by Police Imaging Unit due to being of such a poor quality. Enquiries continue.

- **CC-12062014-0027** refers to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 02:34hrs and relates a female reporting that her friend has been assaulted by two females at the venue and the operator could hear shouting in the background. Officers attended and due to safeguarding took a *vulnerable drunk female* home.
- **CC-18062014-0045** refers to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at **05:28hrs** and relates to a violent disorder where an anonymous caller reports “everything kicking off”, “10 plus people”, “bottles involved”. Attending officers detail how an incident has occurred in the venue where a male who has been taken to hospital was assaulted. A crime (below) has been raised for GBH.
- **CF0225460614** refers to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at **05:28hrs** and relates to the above incident. The aggrieved who received a fractured jaw and was knocked unconscious appears to have been approached by a suspect who told him he could not come back in after taking a smoke break outside. The aggrieved entered the premises where he was assaulted. Enquiries are ongoing.
- **CF0229270614** refers to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at **05:00hrs** and relates to criminal damage to a motor vehicle. The aggrieved who lives next door to the venue has detailed in his complaint that he heard a commotion outside the Mansfield Snooker Club, which he put down to the usual drunken anti-social behaviour. However, later that morning when he went to his car, which was parked next to the entrance to the club, he found damage had been caused to his car. Enquiries continue.

The numerous issues of violent crime connected to Mansfield Snooker Club are of extreme concern to the Constabulary. The marked increase in violent crime is unfortunate despite regular intervention, advice and assistance from the Licensing Authorities. The venue has become a place that appears to be under the control of violent customers and out of the direct control of the DPS during the early hours of the morning. I have no confidence in the effectiveness of the staff or the safety of the customers. It appears that from previous reports and crime investigations a number of contributory factors are present. CCTV is noted as being remarkably poor quality. Membership is not enforced as per ‘Club Rules’, and due diligence does not appear to be effectively enforced.

I have, on previous occasions consulted and advised Mr. Darr on the running of his venue in accordance with the objectives of licensing. I have been accompanied by Mr. Dolby, the Local Authority Licensing Officer or PC Johnson, the local Police Officer for Operation CAN-DO. I understand that Mr. Darr has been working very closely with PC Johnson; however the early hour operation of the venue appears to be failing and not operating in line with the licensing objectives. I am mildly confident in the venues operation whilst Mr. Darr is present, aside from one or two issues such as CCTV / Membership. I have no confidence in the venues operation after midnight, and it appears there is a free for all going on with no consideration for customer’s



safety, wellbeing or security.

Mansfield Snooker Club is a remote venue accessed via a potholed un-adopted lane (off Lincoln Road) that passes through a residential block. The venue is surrounded by residential properties and falls within the Operation CAN-DO Cumulative Impact zone. It is out of sight but not out of mind and turning into a venue associated with violent crime. This venue alone has the highest number of crimes recorded against it compared to any other licensed premises in the zone. Other Snooker Clubs in Peterborough– which operate membership and control of entry effectively do not have this number or type of crime marked against them. Its proximity lays it wide open to abuse in the early hours and unfortunately this appears to be happening. Most crimes documented above have occurred after 03:00hrs and before 07:00hrs.

**Please tick yes**

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

No

If yes please state the date of that application

Day      Month      Year

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**Suggested Recommendation:**

As licensing officer for the Constabulary I would like to offer to the Licensing Committee the following recommendations. Whilst the Licensing Sub-Committee has the option to revoke or suspend the Premises License – I am not asking for this. As stipulated earlier the venue offers a good facility during the day and very little, if any crime is recorded at the venue when Mr. Darr is present and in effective control. The below changes are deemed necessary to prevent any further crime and disorder, threat to public safety, unnecessary drain on emergency resources and assist the DPS in upholding the Licensing Objectives.

- Licensable Hours reduced - All licensable activity on the Premises License is reduced to 08:00 hours to 23:00 hours. Sale by retail of alcohol reduced to 22:30 hours. With premises completely closed at 23:00hrs.
- The supply of alcohol will be for consumption 'ON' premises only.

In the event that the Licensing Committee do not support the reduced licensed period and closure time may I suggest that the following conditions are seriously considered and added as a priority:

1. A minimum of **two** SIA registered doormen will be employed at all times a licensable activity takes place from 23:00hrs and until 07:00 hours on each and every day. They will be employed on the main access door to:

- a. Prevent the admission of drunk and disorderly persons.
  - b. Maintain an orderly queue outside the venue
  - c. Count those entering and leaving the premises to ensure building capacity is not breached.
  - d. Assist customers leaving the venue to ensure they leave in a quiet and orderly fashion.
  - e. To keep out excluded persons circulated via the NightSafe Pub Watch Scheme.
  - f. Search and exclude those persons suspected of carrying illegal drugs or offensive weapons.
2. The SIA door supervisors will maintain a log of the times and dates that they work at the premises, noting their full name and their license number, including expiry date, along with the company they work for. This record will be produced to an authorised officer upon demand.
  3. CCTV will be provided in the form of a recordable system, capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions in particular facial recognition. Cameras shall encompass all entrances and exits to the premises, fire exits and all area where the sale / supply of alcohol occur. A camera will be positioned outside the premises covering the venue frontage.
  4. CCTV equipment must be maintained in good working order, be correctly time and date stamped. Recordings must be kept in date order, numbered sequentially and kept for a period of 28 days.
  5. The Premises License Holder must ensure at all times a Designated Premises Supervisor or appointed member of staff is capable and competent at downloading CCTV footage in a recordable format and hand this footage over to the Police / Local Authority on demand.
  6. The recording equipment and discs / usb pen drives shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the DPS or other responsible named individual.
  7. An operational daily log report must be maintained endorsed by signature, indicating the system has been checked and is compliant, in the event of any failings of the system actions taken are to be recorded.
  8. In the event of a technical failure of the CCTV equipment the Premises License Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor must report the failure to the Police or local authority immediately.
  9. Notices advising that CCTV has been installed on the premises shall be posted so that they are clearly visible to the public within the licensed premises.
  10. Staff training in relation to identifying and preventing sales of alcohol to

any person who is, or appears to be drunk should be undertaken on a monthly basis. This training, together with on-going training to prevent underage sales (Challenge 25) and conflict management should be recorded in a written format and be available to an authorised officer upon demand.

11. A refusals log will be maintained on a daily basis recording all refused attempted purchases of alcohol, carried out by drunks or underage persons.

### **Promote Public Safety -**

12. An adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials shall be available on the premises.
13. Valid Public liability Insurance shall be kept in force and a copy of the schedule shall be displayed and available for inspection by an authorised officer on request.
14. No person will be allowed to enter or leave the premises with an open vessel of alcohol and the licensee will actively discourage and prevent anyone congregating or drinking outside the premises.
15. A fire risk assessment required under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (as amended) will be completed and be available for inspection by an authorised officer.
16. Drinking water will be made freely available at all times a licensable activity takes places, and notices advising such will be displayed at any bar areas within the venue.
17. Under the rules of the club persons becoming members without prior nomination or application may not be admitted to the privileges of membership without an interval of at least 48 hours between them becoming members and their admission
18. Each member may only introduce no more than 2 guests at any one time and no more than 2 guests in a 24hr period. Guests name, address and date of birth will be entered into a 'Guest register', with the name of the member and their members' number prior to allowing any guest access to the club.
19. The club will have at least 25 members.
20. Members must be 16 years or older, once accepted each member agrees to comply with the rules.

21. All members must show their card on arrival and they are also responsible for their guests' behaviour. Each member (& guest(s) if applicable) will be booked into the club onto an 'Attendance Register' which will be produced to an authorised officer upon demand.
22. The licence holder and DPS reserve the right to remove any member from the premises.

**The Protection of Children from Harm –**

23. No person under the age of 18 will be permitted at the venue between 21:00hrs and (09:00hrs - or 23:00hrs if hours are changed).
24. Signage will be prominently placed within the premises advertising the fact that the premises operate the 'Challenge 25' initiative.
25. Any person selling or supplying alcoholic drink under the authority of a personal licence holder must ask for a photo ID proof of age where they have reason to believe that the individual may be less than 25 years of age.
26. A refusal log will be accurately maintained on every refusal made in relation to the attempted purchase of alcohol by a juvenile or drunk.

Please tick ✓ yes

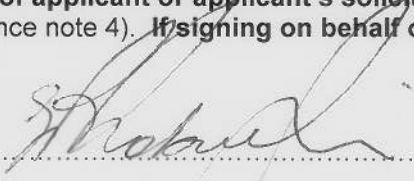
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

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

**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 3)

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

Signature



Date... 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

Capacity: Licensing Officer, Northern District, Cambridgeshire

Northern Licensing Department  
Community Intervention Team  
Cambridgeshire Constabulary  
Thorpe Wood Police Station  
Peterborough PE3 6SD

<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)</b>	
<b>Post town</b>	<b>Post code</b>
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b>	
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)</b>	

**Notes for Guidance**

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

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