

ANNEX B

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 disorder¹.

*Premises*²:

COCO, 11 - 13 Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1SQ

Premises licence number (if known):

Peterborough City Council - 062413

Name of premises supervisor (if known):

Erjon Pjezergjokaj

I am a Superintendent³ in the Peterborough District of Cambridgeshire 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, because⁴:

At Coco on Wednesday 16th May 2012 between 20:00pm and 02:55am management at Coco's conducted a lap dancing event at the venue despite being given appropriate advice not to by the Police district licensing officer. The venue does not have the facility of performance of dance on the premises license, and have not disclosed during the initial license application in 2006 that they would intend to show such performances, which ultimately could be authorised by a temporary event notice. As a result of this activity the Police licensing Officer felt it necessary to prepare to submit an application to review the premises license through normal procedures. However, prior to taking this

¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

³ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁴ 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.

course of action a serious disorder took place at Coco on Monday 21st May 2012 at 02:45am, between customers and eventually involving staff.

As a result of this disorder two males were severely beaten and left unconscious in the road. One of those males remains at Addenbrookes Hospital in a coma with severe life threatening head injuries. Five males have subsequently been arrested as a result of this offence and have been remanded in custody. Staff at the venue, who were at the scene have not been arrested. CCTV evidence has been seized by the Police following the violent disorder and this suggests that alcohol sales continued beyond the 02:00am cessation of the licensable activity, and that those involved were extremely impaired through drink. CCTV installation and coverage is deemed unsatisfactory and in direct contradiction to conditions set out within the premises license. The main CCTV camera covering the front of the bar and dance floor is obstructed by a chandelier. Images are blurred and sub standard despite a review and advice to upgrade the system in September last year.

This serious disorder, combined with the illegal unlicensed activity and a number of minor license breaches shows that the Premises license holder and the designated premises supervisor have failed to uphold the principles of the licensing act in a voluntary, legal and responsible way despite being given appropriate advice on numerous occasions.

Information / Intelligence available to the Police suggests that this event has had a significant impact on certain members of the community, in such a way that it could lead to serious crime and/or disorder either in the immediate locality of Coco or towards the offenders or members of their community.

The Licensing Authority has worked on numerous occasions with the management of the venue to address breaches to the licensing act, and have found their reasonable requests and guidance met with reluctant and unsatisfactory attempts to address the issues.

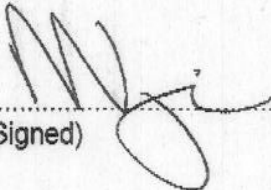
The Expedited / Summary license review guidance as issued by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in October 2007 gives guidance in relation to such matters. All other powers available have been visited. An expedited review is deemed necessary, for the following reasons:

1. The serious nature of the offences committed in the early hours of Monday morning - "the conduct constitutes an offence for which a person 21 years of age or over with no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 or more years or the conduct involves the use of violence"
2. Obvious reluctance by the management to co-operate and engage effectively with the Licensing Authority.
3. Other serious breaches to the premises license have taken place recently - the performance of a lap dancing event against the advice given by the Police Licensing Officer and without a valid authorisation.
4. CCTV coverage at the venue is unsatisfactory and ineffective in protecting staff, customers and property despite recommendations from Police to update.
5. and information / intelligence exists to suggest there may be a continuance

of the violence or disorder in reprisal to the initial incident

It is seriously believed that should the license be allowed to continue, without immediate review then there is a very real likely hood that more serious violence or disorder could occur.

I feel it necessary to ask the licensing authority to suspend the premises license of Coco with immediate effect until the outcome of the review hearing.


(Signed)

23rd May 2012
(Date)

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