

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

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

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Police Sergeant 1162 Luke Mitchell

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51.

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Riverside Old Mill Road, Hunton Bridge.	
Kings Langley	WD48QT

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Miss Victoria Gutsul

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 20/00545/LAPL01

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)

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
(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

N/A

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Luke Mitchell Watford Police station Shady lane Watford WD17 1DD
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional) Luke.mitchell@herts.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 note 2)

On behalf of the Chief Constable I wish to ask the local authority to review and revoke the licence issued to Riverside Mansions, Old Mill Lane, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley.

Having reviewed the evidence available to me and considered the various options available, including working with the DPS and requesting further conditions to the licence, I feel the only options available is to revoke the licence in full.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The venue first came to light on 3rd July 2021 during an England game, police received a number of calls about the noise coming from the location and the volume of cars seemingly abandoned around residential streets. The property is located on a fast road and had vehicles parked either side making it difficult to pass safely and caused traffic delays, due to the volume of people on the street, officers stayed on scene and were forced to carry out traffic duties to ensure there were no road traffic accidents.

Officers on scene described the incident as a “house party” with up to 250 being present.

On Sunday 11th July 2021 officers were called by various residents and again the same situation, as mentioned on 3rd July appeared to be happening, of note officers located a female that had been at the house party being sick on the forecourt of the nearby petrol station, there were a large amount of Uber and Taxi drivers picking up and dropping off customers to the party. Due to the volume of vehicles abandoned along the fast road, officers were forced to close the road and manage the situation outside the venue.

On Thursday 14th July 2021 TRDC and police attended the location and met with the DPS, officers identified a large amount of breaches of her licence. Most notable the issues around public safety around how customers attended and left the location. It was explained to officers the DPS had an agreement with the Hilton Hotel to use that as a site for customers to park and be shuttled based in. Further investigation from Police with Hilton hotel suggests there was no such agreement in place.

Despite the interaction with authorities on 14th July, On Saturday 17th July 2021 the DPS put on a further “Brunch” event that would start at 2pm and conclude at 11pm. The event didn’t conclude until gone midnight. Only one bus was put on with the last of the revellers leaving at 00:17 hours.

PC Ally Kempster was on duty that night and carried out a number of spot checks, Old Mill Lane wasn’t as congested and security were preventing people from parking, however this only went to add pressure to other roads nearby. People were parking anywhere possible on The Maltings, knocking on residents’ doors offering money so they could park on their driveways. The venue had 300 people and, as the night went on we had major traffic issues with taxi drivers blocking the road. As this wasn’t a Euro’s game, unlike previous events, the police had limited staffing in place and therefore struggled to deal with the issues coming from this venue.

Drivers were beeping their horns and security staff expressed concerns around people drink driving. Officers tried to stop one vehicle but it sped off driving over the officer’s foot. There were over 100 patrons on Old Mill Lane (a fast road). A fight broke out on the street and the officers had to deal with this on her own without any support from door staff. The officer had to call for urgent assistance over her radio.

We’re also aware of residents in The Maltings being sworn at by those patrons, including an elderly female.

Due to the on going concerns, a partnership meeting was called and it was agreed the police would instigate a closure notice for the weekend of the 24th and 25th July to give residents some

rest bite. Ps Luke Mitchell put together a closure application and presented the case to Supt Adam Willmot who agreed a closure notice was required. This is something rarely done, especially with licence premises, but very much needed to ensure the DPS took a grip of her venue, prevented crime and disorder, kept the public safe, stopped the on going public nuisance and stopped the on going harm this venue was causing those young people living in the immediate community.

Public Safety

The property is located on a fast road, with no suitable parking locations, hence the conditions on the licence to have use of a shuttle bus. Having vehicles abandoned on a fast road, which in turn leads to patrons spilling out onto this road is dangerous. At night there is limited lighting and those attending the venue, who may be intoxicated, are placed at increased risk, by having to enter the road and significant potential of being involved in an RTC.

Despite the high numbers of doorstaff the venue has, I'm told 40, there is a complete lack of direction from the DPS. The DPS doesn't just have responsibility for the inside of her venue she has ownership of outside and the impact her venue causes local residents. It is clear from PC Kempster's statement, that the venues staff has not got involved with disorder outside their venue.

Only those entering the venue by coach should be allowed in.

It is worth noting this was billed to the authorities as a "wedding venue". It is simply not being used for this purpose. It is predominantly a nightclub, the DPS has provided us a video of a residential street and someone filming it says "there is no issues outside the nightclub".

A nightclub in a residential area is not fair on those living in and around that location.

The protection of Children from harm

We've been made aware from local residents that children living in nearby houses have been unable to sleep, one family ended up taking their children to a family member some 20 miles away so they could sleep. The noise emanating from the location is excessive, the DPS hasn't taken advice from EHO around moving the stage around and putting noise limiters in place.

The prevention of public nuisance

The police have been inundated with calls around

- Noise complaints
- Parking issues
- Unable to sleep
- Patrons abusing residents

It is evident from the sheer volume of evidence we have gathered in the closure notice package, that this is having a huge impact on the community and creating a very real public nuisance.

I attach a copy of my closure notice application with associated statements to support my views that there should be revocation of the premise licence

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

Please tick ✓

yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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

N/A

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, 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 Luke Mitchell

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Date 23/7/21

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Capacity **Licensing sergeant**

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

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Post town	Post Code
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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.

