

**APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A  
PREMISES LICENCE OR CLUB PREMISES  
UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

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**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 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**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>	
Bond Street Tavern Public House 14 Bond Street	
<b>Post town</b> Wolverhampton	<b>Post code (if known)</b> WV2 4AS
<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Lorraine and Derrick Ltd	
<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> 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)

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2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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

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

Name and address  A/Inspector 4344 Davies West Midlands Police, Central Police Station, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton WV1 3AA
Telephone number (if any) 101 ext 871 3283 / 01902 649085
E-mail address (optional) wv_licensing@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

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

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

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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.

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.

On 19th January 2017 Lorraine and Derrick Ltd applied to become the Premises Licence Holder of which Derrick Minott and Lorraine Heath are the directors. An application was also made to vary the Designated Premises Supervisor to Derrick Minott with immediate effect.

In response, police objected to the Premises License Holder application on the grounds that that is their belief that Ms Lorraine Heath forms part of the company's management team and will therefore play a supervisory role at the venue. The Wolverhampton Licensing Committee had refused Ms Heath's application to become the Premises Licence Holder earlier in the month.

There were no objections to Mr Minnot becoming the Designated Premises Supervisor.

Mr Minnot was present at Ms Heath's hearing in early January 2017 and witnessed the issues that were presented to the Licensing committee; SIA badges not being worn, patrons not being searched, the music being too loud and a strong smell of cannabis within the venue. During the hearing Mr Minnot stated that he was playing a supportive management role at the venue and that he and Ms Heath were a team.

The aforementioned issues have continued whilst Mr Minnot has been the Designated Premises Supervisor.

During police visits door staff have been seen to allow patrons entry after they had activated the metal detector wand and without a further search. Officers also witnessed the wands being hung from nearby railings and not being used.  
Mr Minnot was made aware.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 a meeting was held between Inspector Thomas-West, PC Gretton and Mr Minnot. The purpose of the meeting was to engage in partnership working with the venue and give Mr Minnot an opportunity comply with the licensing objectives before a Review was requested. The police's objection to the Premises License Holder application was also discussed. In response to both the objection and police concerns Mr Minnot stated that he would (a) remove Ms Heath as a director of the company and appoint her as a secretary (b) Ms Heath would only work in the daytime (c) ensure that staff properly searched patrons on entry and that metal detector wands are used.

During the meeting Mr Minnot stated that he has a robust drugs policy and that his DJ makes regular announcements. Furthermore, that he will consider purchasing a drugs amnesty bin. With regards to the noise, Mr Minnot stated that the vibrations could be heard because of a loose front window that has now been replaced.

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The aforementioned actions that Mr Minot stated he would implement were documented and signed.

Three days later on the 28<sup>th</sup> January, police witnessed door staff not using their wands and during a walkthrough of the premises officers could smell cannabis. The music could also be heard 200 yards away down the road.

Mr Minot was made aware.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February police witnessed wands being activated as patrons were searched, however door staff failed to act upon it and conduct further searches, granting patrons permission to enter. Furthermore, police challenged the inadequate search of a group of patrons that smelt strongly of cannabis. On entering the premises officers were met with a strong smell of cannabis and the music could still be heard at the end of the street.

Mr Minot was made aware of all matters and responded to the noise concerns by turning down the volume.

Due to the on-going smell of cannabis police executed a warrant under the misuse of drugs act during the early hours of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Mr Minot was present as well as Ms Heath who was working behind the bar.

Officers entered both the inside and rear garden of the premises and were met with the smell of cannabis. Patrons were seen actively smoking cannabis in the rear garden.

Seized during the warrant were copious amounts of cannabis, some in dealer wraps, two lock knives and a coconut that had been made in to a bong used for drug misuse. A number of partly smoked spliffs were also recovered from the garden.

Officers took evidential swabs from the toilets, the bar area and both an internal and external customer table to establish any traces of drugs. A trace of cocaine was found on the internal table and a trace of morphine on the external table.

Post operation enquiries are on-going.

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 Minott as the Designated Premises Supervisor.

Please tick ✓ yes

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



If yes please state the date of that application

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

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2013** (in previous name of The Greyhound) – License revoked

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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, 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 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

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Date 24.02.2017

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Capacity **A/Inspector**

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**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)** wv\_licensing@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

**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.