

Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

7 November 2019

Time 10.00 am **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Regulatory
Venue Committee Room 5, Ground Floor, Civic Centre

Membership

Chair Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Asha Mattu

Conservative

Cllr Jonathan Crofts

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Agenda

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
1	Apologies for absence
2	Declarations of interest
3	Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Review of a Premises Licence in respect of Banjul, 30 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3JW (Pages 3 - 30)

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Statutory Licensing Sub - Committee

07 November 2019

Report title	Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a Review of a Premises Licence in respect of Banjul 30, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3JW	
Wards affected	St Peter's	
Accountable director	Ross Cook, City Environment	
Originating service	Licensing Services	
Accountable employee	Debra Craner	Section Leader
	Tel	01902 556055
	Email	Debra.craner@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Recommendation for decision:

The Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Consider an application by West Midlands Police for a review of the above Premises Licence, following an expedited review.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee is required to consider the application by West Midlands Police for a Review of the above Premises Licence, following an Expedited Review.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The current premises licence is attached at Appendix 1.

3.0 Expedited Summary Review Application

- 3.1 An application was received from the Chief Officer of Police for West Midlands on 11 October 2019 for an expedited review of the Premises Licence in respect of Banjul, 30 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3JW
- 3.2 A copy of the expedited review application can be found at Appendix 2 of this report.
- 3.3 The premises are situated in the St Peter's ward and a location plan is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.4 A Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee hearing was held on 15 October 2019 to determine the interim steps to be applied to the Premises Licence pending the full review hearing. The Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee resolved to suspend the Premises Licence as the interim step.

4.0 Review Application

- 4.1 The notice of review has been properly served on all the Responsible Authorities. The Council has complied with the legislative process and displayed the appropriate notice at the premises and on its website as required, when the application for review was made.
- 4.2 Representations have been received from the Licensing Authority and can be found at Appendix 4 of this report.
- 4.3 The applicant for review, the Premises Licence Holder, and those who have made representations have been invited to attend the review hearing.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report. No fee is levied for an Expedited Summary Review application. The fees and charges in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 are set by the Secretary of State. This was noted by the Licensing Committee on 20 March 2019. [KP/30102019/P]

6.0 Legal implications

- 6.1 The Licensing Authority must consider the application for the review under Section 53A

of the Licensing Act.

- 6.2 The Licensing Sub-Committee is asked to determine the review under Section 53A(2)(b) in accordance with Section 53C of the Act. The licensing authority must hold a hearing and consider the application for review and any relevant representations.
- 6.3 The Sub-Committee must consider what steps (if any) should be taken to secure the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 6.4 The four licensing objectives are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder;
 - Public safety;
 - The prevention of public nuisance; and
 - The protection of children from harm.
- 6.5 The steps that may be taken by the Sub-Committee on a full review are:
- (a) Modify the conditions of the licence;
 - (b) Exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
 - (c) Remove the designated premises supervisor;
 - (d) Suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months;
 - (e) Revoke the Licence.
- 6.6 In addition, regard shall be had to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Wolverhampton City Council's Licensing Policy Statement. [SH/17102019/A]

7.0 Equalities implications

- 7.1 This report has human rights implications for both the premises licence holder and the residents from the local neighbourhood. Any of the steps outlined in Section 4 of this report may have financial implications for a licensee's business and livelihood and/or may have impact upon the day to day lives of residents living in close proximity to the premises.
- 7.2 Article 8(i) of the European Convention of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to respect for his/her private and family life and his/her home (which includes business premises). This right may be interfered with by the Council on a number of grounds including the protection of rights and freedoms of others. The First Protocol – Article 1 – also provides that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions and shall not be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and conditions provided for by law. Members must accordingly make a decision which is proportionate to the hearing and endeavour to find a balance between the rights of the applicant, residents and the community as a whole.

8.0 Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1 There are no climate change or environmental implications associated with this report.

9.0 Human resources implications

9.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

10.0 Corporate landlord implications

10.1 There are no corporate landlord implications associated with this report.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

11.1 None

12.0 Appendices

12.1 Appendix 1 - Premises Licence

12.2 Appendix 2 - Expedited Review Application

12.3 Appendix 3 - Location Plan

12.4 Appendix 4 – Licensing Authority Representation

Premises Licence

Issued in accordance with The Licensing Act 2003

Name of Premises: Banjul
Address of Premises: 30 Queen Street
City Centre
Wolverhampton
WV1 3JW
Premises Licence Number: 19/03071/PREDPS- Vary DPS
Date Licence Granted: 12/02/2019

1. Opening hours of the premises
Normal Hours: Monday to Sunday 1200 to 0330 hours
Seasonal Variations: None
Non Standard Hours: None

2. Licensable activities authorised by the licence and the times the licence authorises the carrying out of these activities

Activity: Live Music
Normal Hours: Monday to Sunday 1200 to 0600 hours
Seasonal Variations: None
Non Standard Hours: None

Activity: Recorded Music
Normal Hours: Monday to Sunday 1200 to 0600 hours
Seasonal Variations: None
Non Standard Hours: None

Activity: Sale/Supply of alcohol on the premises
Normal Hours: Monday to Sunday 1200 to 0300 hours
Seasonal Variations: None
Non Standard Hours: None

Activity: Sale/Supply of alcohol off the premises
Normal Hours: As per 'On Sales'
Seasonal Variations: As per 'On Sales'
Non Standard Hours: As per 'On Sales'

3. Name of the designated premises supervisor if the sale of alcohol is involved
Kerry Marie Robinson
Personal licence number: 060513
Issued by Hackney Council

4. Is access to the premises by children restricted or prohibited

Provision only as prohibited or restricted under the Licensing Act 2003.

5. Name, (registered) address of the holder of the premises licence

DGW Entertainment Limited
18 - 22 Stoney Lane
Yardley
Birmingham
West Midlands
B25 8YP

Mandatory Licensing Conditions (Licensing Act 2003)

Mandatory conditions as required by the Act will apply to the licence.

It is the responsibility of the Premises Licence Holder and the Designated Premises Supervisor to ensure that they are conversant and compliant with all current mandatory conditions in relation to the Licensing Act 2003.

Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

The prevention of crime and disorder

One hour after drinking time is sufficient for customers to leave/use toilets etc.

Minor variation 12/02/2011

At least 3 SIA door supervisors, one of whom should be female (based upon 200 capacity) two being situated on the front doors to the venue. Door supervisors should be employed at all times that the venue is open. Any door supervisors employed at premises should be in high visibility attire and wearing their badge overtly.

Each member of the door team is required to sign a paginated record book at the commencement and completion of their duty providing name, address, badge number and date of birth. This book to be provided to any member of a responsible authority upon request.

Door supervisors shall be required to maintain a paginated record of all incidents stating date, time, nature of incident and action. The record will be maintained at the premises for one calendar year following the date of the last entry.

All patrons to be searched upon entry and re-entry. Hand held metal detector wands should be used to ensure a full search has been completed. Females to be included in search. Any prohibited items should be logged and dealt with accordingly.

Internal and external CCTV to be installed and maintained, to the accepted standard of a West Midlands Police Crime Reduction Officer. The system needs to be of evidential quality with sufficient cameras located appropriate positions so that recordings of all customer-related areas inside the premises and the whole area directly outside the premises are constantly made whilst the premises is open. Recordings to be retained for 31 days and at least one member of staff trained to use the system should be on duty at all times. Recordings to be made available to any officer from any responsible authority at the earliest opportunity.

The manager/representative of the premises will be a member of Pubwatch or similar trade based organisation in Wolverhampton.

Staff will be trained in their responsibilities with respect to Licensing as part of their induction programme and refresher training will take place regularly. This ongoing training shall be documented and made available for any officer of responsible authority upon request.

At least one personal licence holder to be on duty at any time that the premises are open.

The premises will be part of a radio link communication for the city centre retail/licensed premises.

Public safety

S.I.A.

Door staff

CCTV in operation

Staff training

Risk assessment

Drug awareness

The prevention of public nuisance

Waste disposed of - by BIFFA.Bar in non- residential area.

The protection of children from harm

Adults only - strictly over 18's only

Minor variation 06/09/2018

Challenge 25 policy to be adopted.

Plans

As submitted with application dated 21/11/2007 and retained by City of Wolverhampton Council.



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Licensing Services, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SH

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

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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 53A / 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 BANJUL 30 Queen Street City Centre	
Post town Wolverhampton	Post code (if known) WV1 3JW
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) DGW ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED	
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 19/03071/PREDPS	

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am WPC 2467 MICHELLE CHURM,

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

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address WPC 2467 MICHELLE CHURM LICENSING DEPARTMENT West Midlands Police Wolverhampton NPU Bilston Street
Telephone number (if any) 0345 113 5000
E-mail address (optional) michellechurm@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 ✓

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

On Wednesday 25th September 2019 Wolverhampton Licensing Department received an email from the Banjul email account, [REDACTED] at 1704hrs detailing a list of DJ's who would be performing from 11/10/19.

West Midlands Police conducted risk assessments and on the 26th September 2019 were made aware of an event at the premises on the 4th October 2019 with one of their resident DJ's for his birthday. The event was not a private function and tickets and booths were available to book.

WPC Churm requested, via email that a risk assessment for the new Friday night events, to include the birthday party, was forwarded, that details regarding tickets/payment on the door were required and for a list of DJ's for the 4th October.

On the 29th September 2019 an email was received from [REDACTED] detailing a number of issues that had been highlighted in previous emails regarding a request for a variation to the licence, concerning a number of issues, including searching, that was requested back in September 2018. There was no information regarding the DJ's on the 4th October and no risk assessment.

On Saturday 5th October 2019 at approximately 0330hrs an incident occurred, within the premises, whereby a male has been slashed with what he believes is a knife by an unnamed male. The injured party stated that two unnamed females have been arguing, he has intervened and then been approached by an unnamed male who has slashed him hitting him on the head with a knife, causing blood to run down his face, over his eye and further lacerating his chest causing a wound of approximately 15-20 cms in length and 5-6 cms deep. The injured party was then taken to New Cross Hospital whereby he was treated for his injuries. Staff at New Cross contacted West Midlands Police to report the injuries and officers attended to ascertain the facts of the incident. This is the third incident in 12 months at this premises since opening.

There have been so many attempts by West Midlands Police to work with staff at the venue, liaising with DPS' and PLH's, conversing with solicitors on behalf of the premises, all to no avail. The venue opened around 21st September 2018 and it was observed that no searches were being conducted by the security firm, who were later sacked by the premises.

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and apply for the variation. WMP conversed with said solicitor and a number of conditions were agreed between WMP and the solicitor. This was never progressed due to the solicitor being unable to contact the premise licence holder. WMP continued to communicate with the PLH to address this matter and to date the minor variations have not been applied for.

There was a further incident in December 2018 whereby known gang members attempted to rush the door.

On 5th October 2019 a stabbing occurred at the venue, the third incident, as detailed above. It is the belief of WMP that even if the requested conditions had been applied to the licence via a minor variation this incident would still have happened.

We can justify this comment from the email correspondence received dated 29th September 2019 whereby [REDACTED] has stated 'We have a more strict search policy than any other club or bar in town' and 'We have continued with only using plastic glasses after advice from yourselves for the event back last year' and 'We follow any requests that have been required of us like a required amount of security guards. Bottles to booths only. Plastic cups/no glass etc. We have never had any issues.'

These comments are untrue.

- If the strict search policy of patrons going into the venue had been conducted a knife/bladed article would not have been inside the venue, therefore this incident would not have happened.
- Empty glasses were strewn in booths on the sides and on the floor and on the bar when WMP attended on 8th October.
- There have been previous issues at the premises, as detailed above. All of the incidents have involved known gang members from Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

The below claims were made in the same email;

- Every night were open we have a operating airport style knife arch
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- We upgrade security for any busy nights or events yourselves think are high risk, to any required numbers.

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CCTV WMP believe that the incident occurred down by the DJ booth, whereby WMP were told that the cameras in that part were not working. No reason could be given as to why or how long this camera had not been working.

It is the opinion of West Midlands Police that this incident should have been avoided. The venue claimed they had implemented a strict search policy, searching of all persons entering and re-entering, yet a knife was still permitted into the venue which resulted in a member of the public receiving injuries. This incident was not reported by the venue, with one of the PLH's seen dealing with the group of males who would have been aware of the injury or at least the blood. It is West Midlands Police position that the venue have failed to uphold the licensing objective of Preventing Crime and Disorder.

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

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

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

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 

Date 11/10/2019

Capacity Police Licensing Constable

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.

West Midlands Police

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 and/or disorder

Premises: **Banjul**

Premise Licence Number: **19/03071 PREDPS**

Premise Licence Holder: **DGW Entertainment Limited**

Designated Premise Supervisor: **Kerry Marie Robinson**



I am a Superintendent in West Midlands Police.

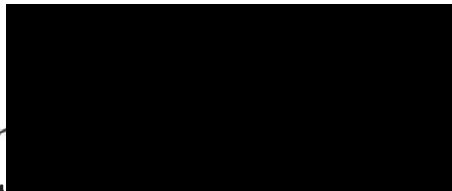
I am giving this certificate because I am in the opinion that the procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case because the standard review procedures are thought to be inappropriate due to the seriousness of this crime and disorder, and the serious management failings of the premises concerned.

The level and seriousness of this incident in terms of the crime and disorder warrant the use of this power. I have considered the use of the normal review procedure but I do not feel this would be appropriate in these circumstances due to the above reasons and the fact that to maintain the licensing objective of preventing crime and disorder the normal review procedure would not be sufficient.

The concern of West Midlands Police is that if steps are not taken to consider the running of these premises they will continue to be used in an inappropriate manner which undermines the licensing objectives. It is quite evident from the initial investigation that the licensing objectives have been undermined.

I am conscious of the guidance under the 2003 licensing act on the use of "Expedited Reviews" and given the emphasis that is given to use of this power to tackle serious crime and disorder, my feelings that this process is deemed appropriate are further enforced.

Signature of applicant:



3395

Date: 11th October 2019

Rank/Capacity: **Superintendent 3395 for Local Policing, Wolverhampton NPU**



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I, Superintendent Chisholm

(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: **Banjul**
Postal address of premise: **QUEEN STREET**
Post Town: **Wolverhampton**
Post Code (if known): **WV1 3JW**
2. Premises Licence details :
Name of premise licence holder (if known): **DGW ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED**
Number of premise licence (if known): **18/17091/PRE**
3. Certificate under section 53A (1)(B) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Please read guidance note 1)

I confirm that this is a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his/her opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:
(Please read guidance note 2)

Signature of applicant:

3345

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Contact details for matters concerning this application: **WPC 2467 CHURM**

Address: **Wolverhampton Licensing**

Telephone Number(s): **01902 649085**

E-mail - **wv_licensing@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 attended 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.

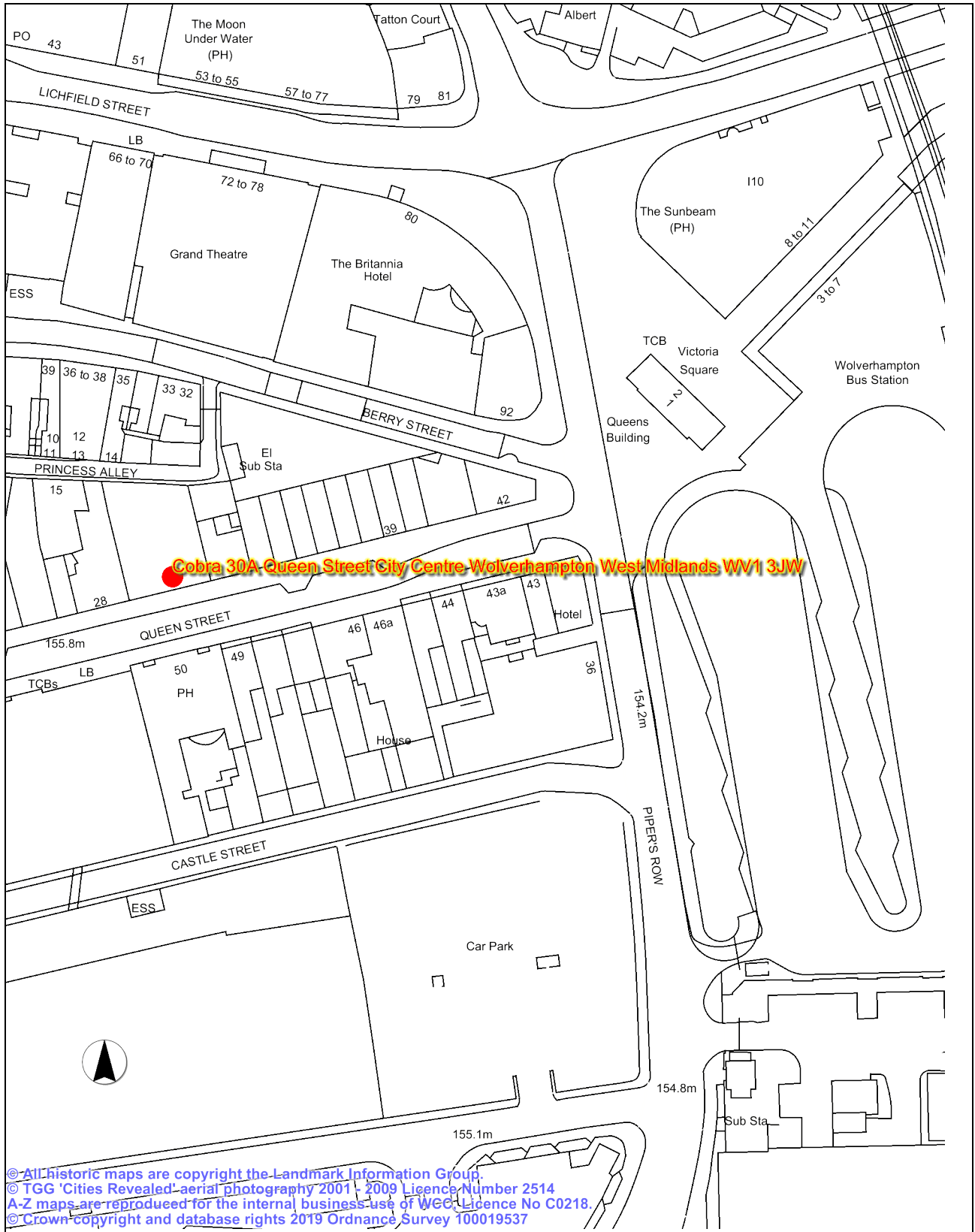
Serious Disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.

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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Appendix 3



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23 October 2019

Application for a review of a premises licence under Licensing Act 2003
Banjul, 30 Queen Street, City Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 3JW

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority. I write in support of the above review application made by Chief Constable of West Midlands Police. Representations are made against Crime and Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives and the failure of the current management of the premises to promote these objectives.

The premises licence holder's, DGW Entertainment Limited and the management of the premises have not demonstrated they are operating in accordance with their premises licence and therefore are not promoting the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

On 11 October 2019, West Midlands Police submitted an expedited review application due to an event taking place at the premises which resulted in a member of the public receiving a stab wound.

On 15 October 2019, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspended the premises licence pending the full review hearing.

The Licensing Authority has great concern over the management of the premises as from the evidence provided by the West Midlands Police, it is apparent that serious crime and has occurred at the premises.

If Councillors are satisfied that illegal activities have taken place at the premises and are in breach of promoting the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority would request the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee ensure these issues are addressed by considering removal of the current management together with the modification of the current premises licence in accordance with section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 and guidance issued by the secretary of state under 182 of the Act together with City of Wolverhampton Councils Statement of Licensing Policy.

Councillors may conclude from the evidence given within the review application and at the hearing in order to promote the licensing objectives it is not a suitable option to remove the current management of the premises and that there is no alternative but to revoke the premises licence.

The Licensing Authority fully supports the review application brought by West Midlands Police and concludes the above issues should be resolved in order to promote the licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety.

I shall be in attendance at the hearing should councillors have any questions or require any further assistance.

Yours Sincerely, /



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Section Leader
On behalf of the Licensing Authority

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