

CITY OF
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Application for a review of a premises licence under Licensing Act 2003
Dog And Partridge, Broad Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 0BU

I write on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a responsible authority. I write in support of the above review application made by the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police. Representations are made against Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The premises licence holder, Mr Mark Coyne and the designated premises supervisor, Sharon Clare together with the management of the premises have not demonstrated they are operating in accordance with the premises licence and therefore are not promoting any of licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

The premises have a history of noise complaints undermining the Prevention of Public Nuisance licensing objective.

On 12 July 2019 the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee resolved to refuse an application for a Temporary Event Notice for a "Family Fun Day" due to take place at the Dog and Partridge on 13 July 2019.

A Counter Notice was issued to the applicant Sharon Clare who is also the designated premises supervisor. The Counter Notice was also hand delivered to the premises on 12 July 2019.

On 16 July 2019, West Midlands Police submitted an expedited review application due to an event taking place at the premises which resulted in members of the public receiving injuries which included a stab wound.

On 18 July 2019, the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee determined interim steps were necessary and resolved to suspend the premises licence pending the full review hearing.

On 18 July 2019, West Midlands Police submitted a Notice of application for a Closure Order in respect of The Dog and Partridge, 47 Broad Street, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 0BU under Section 80 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

On the afternoon of 19 July 2019, the Black Country Magistrates Court issued a Closure Order for the premises to be closed immediately and remain closed for 3 months.

The Licensing Authority has great concerns over the Premises Licence Holder and the management of the premises as from the evidence provided by West Midlands Police they are not upholding the four licensing objectives.

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 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 are advised that Sharon Clare the Designated Premises Supervisor has withdrawn her DPS consent with immediate effect today (26 July 2019) and the Premises Licence Holder, Mark Coyne surrendered the premises licence with immediate effect the same day.

Councillors may conclude from the evidence given within the review application and at the hearing in order to promote all four licensing objectives 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 four licensing objectives of Crime and Disorder, Public safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm.

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

Yours sincerely



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