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**Kent
Police**

**Certificate to accompany application for the
review of a premises licence under
section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003**

**Certificate to accompany application for the review of a premises licence under
section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime,
serious disorder or both)¹**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

The senior officer must be of the rank of Superintendent or higher.

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 attained 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.

1. Premises Details

**Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map
reference or description: Kings Head Sports Bar, 8 – 9 King Street**

Post town: Gravesend

Post code (if known): DA12 2EB

In my opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both:

The nature of this offence is so serious as to justify the immediate decision to call an expedited review. Other powers under the licensing act, or other acts, are not appropriate and do not address the issue with immediate effect; a standard licence review would not suffice as it will take between 28 to 49 days to come to hearing and may be appealed prior to application, allowing the public house to continue operating without any changes to its operation. This will fuel the risk of further serious crime occurring before sufficient measures can be put into place to prevent crime and disorder.

The benefits of dealing with this by way of an expedited review allows an interim step to apply immediately, thereby safeguarding members of the public and preventing further offences.

¹ SCHEDULE 8A Regulation 16A

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On Saturday 02/10/2021 approximately 02:58 hours at Kings Head Sports Bar, King Street, Gravesend, a male was the victim of an assault in an attack that had occurred directly outside the front of the premises. The male was assaulted in what appeared to be an unprovoked attack. This has resulted in the victim sustaining substantial facial injuries likely to require corrective surgery. Kent Police are currently investigating this incident as a Sec 18 Grievous Bodily Harm. (Crime report 46/194662/21 refers.)

Kent Police are of the opinion that if the premises were to remain open to the public it may be a flashpoint for further incidents of serious crime and disorder. Furthermore, Kent Police have no faith in the management of the premises to mitigate the risk of further incidents or that they will work alongside responsible authorities to sufficiently promote the licensing objectives. Until this consideration is undertaken the Police consider that there is a risk of serious crime and disorder reoccurring at the premises.

Given the above, Police are seeking the temporary suspension of the premises licence followed by a full review and are of the opinion that this is the appropriate course of action under the Licensing Act 2003 in preventing serious crime and disorder from reoccurring.

Signature:

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Superintendent.

Print Name: Neil Loudon Rank: Superintendent

Number: 10582

Date: 13th October 2021