

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

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I PC 6884 Stephen Connolly on behalf of the Chief Constable of Lancashire.
(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 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 Imperial, Union Street	
Post town Chorley	Post code (if known) PR1 3BT

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Trust Inns Ltd

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) PLA0253
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Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

- 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
 - b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
 - c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
 - d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- 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

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 Lancashire Constabulary South Licensing Team Preston Police Station Lancaster Road North Preston Lancs PR1 2SA
Telephone number (if any) 01772 209785
E-mail address (optional) southlicensing@lancashire.police.uk

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

Please tick one or more boxes

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| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

The Imperial is a licensed premises situated on Union Street within Chorley Town Centre and is currently permitted to open until 02:30hrs daily, with the sale by retail of alcohol until 02:00hrs daily.

The premises licence is held by Trust Inn Ltd, and the current tenant is Christopher TICKLE.

Below is a summary of events which Lancashire Constabulary have recorded for the premises: -

On 30th March 2022 we received from Chorley Borough Council an application to vary the DPS to Darren TICKLE, the brother of Christopher TICKLE. This application was objected to by PS 4159 BYRNE based upon the Crime & Disorder and Public Safety licensing objectives.

On 13th May 2022 we received from Chorley Borough Council an application to vary the DPS to Brendan FERGUSON. This was not objected to and the premises opened for trade. Later that evening Sgt 4065 Harrison advised us that he had been given information that upon reopening the premises attracted a number of people that had been banned by the Chorley Pub Watch.

On Saturday 14th May 2022 at 0305hrs, Lancashire Constabulary received a 999 report regarding a male headbutting a female inside the premises causing injury and bleeding to the female. This incident was recorded under incident reference LC-20220514-0164

On the 20th May 2022 we received from Chorley Borough Council notification that

FERGUSON had resigned as DPS of the premises with immediate effect as of 19th May 2022.

On the 27th May 2022 we received from Chorley Borough Council another application to vary the DPS to Lee HOLDEN.

On 1st June 2022 at 11:55hrs I attended the premises in company with Lancashire Constabulary Licensing Officer Simon JAMES and Chorley Borough Council Licensing officer Usman GAZRA with a view to completing a DPS interview with HOLDEN. Following a conversation with HOLDEN on the telephone where he admitted to only submitting the application as a "FAVOUR FOR A MATE" and already worked full time elsewhere and struggled to attend the Imperial. Given this admission from HOLDEN I made representations on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary as I believed that he was unable to uphold the Licensing Objectives.

On 10th June 2022, we received from Chorley Borough Council an application to vary the DPS, this time to Phillip MARROW. MARROW was spoken with on the telephone by Lancashire Constabulary Licensing Officer Simon JAMES where he claimed that he was investing money into the premises to facilitate with some renovation. Lancashire Constabulary made no representations with regard to this.

On Friday 24th June 2022 at 23:39hrs, PC 5046 HOLDER entered the premises as part of Operation Nightsafe, a policing operation dedicated to minimising alcohol related crime & disorder within the Night-time Economy. During the visit there were extremely loud music being played. The DPS was not present, and officers spoke with a female bar manager who confirmed that there were no door supervisors present. Upon exiting PC HOLDER commented to his colleague about how loud it was inside the premises.

On Sunday 10th July 2022 at 00:06hrs, Lancashire Constabulary received a 999 call from staff at the premises reporting that they were struggling to manage the behaviour customer who kept returning and causing problems. Loud music from the premises can be heard in the background of the call and the staff member of duty confirmed that there were no door supervisors employed at the premises. This was recorded as a nuisance under log reference LC-20220710-0007.

On Sunday 10th July 2022 at 00:45hrs PC 2792 NEWITT and PC 8236 BOZDOGAN visited the premises and spoke with Lisa WORTHINGTON who presented as the manager. They noted that the DPS was not present and there were no door staff on duty. WORTHINGTON advised that they will be hiring door staff along with glass collectors.

On Friday 16th July 2022 at 00:36hrs PC 2456 LILLEY and PC 139 HOLTON entered the premises as part of Operation Nightsafe, a policing operation dedicated to minimising alcohol related crime & disorder within the Night-time Economy. Prior to arrival loud music was heard emanating from the premises and a lone male was drinking from a pint glass by the front entrance. Officers engage with a Laura WORTHINGTON who presents to them as the manager, due to the noise she asks officers to step into the foyer to talk, she passes a comment along the lines of "CAN'T HEAR A FUCKING THING IN THERE". She advises that there are no door staff employed currently but were looking to employ them. Upon completing a walk through of the premises one of the customers become argumentative with officers demanding them for a warrant.

On Saturday 30th July 2022 at 0100hrs, Police Inspector 3762 Carr attended the premises and noted that there were no door supervisors employed by the premises.

On 3rd August 2022, Lancashire Constabulary received an online report of an assault which occurred at the premises on Sunday 31st July 2022 between 17:00-18:30hrs. This was recorded as actual bodily harm and criminal damage under log reference LC-20220803-0594

On Saturday 6th August 2022 at 00:25hrs, Lancashire Constabulary received a report of an assault at the premises. The complainant names an individual that is currently banned by Chorley Pub watch and states that they were a "PART TIME BOUNCER" at the premises. This was recorded as an assault without injury under log reference LC-20220806-0033

On 16th August 2022 we received an email from Nathan HOWSON at Chorley Borough Council outlining a visit he had completed to the premises.

On Friday 18th August 2022 at 00:28hrs, Lancashire Constabulary received a report of 15 fighting outside at the premises. The complainant states that it happened inside the premises before spilling out on to the street. This was recorded under log reference LC-20220819-0035

On Thursday 1st September 2022 at 23:07hrs, Lancashire Constabulary were made aware of a fight ongoing outside the premises. The CCTV showed a large number of persons exiting the premises before fights between parties occurred on the street. Several of those involve re-entered the premises afterwards. Officers attended the premises and engaged with a female who presented with injuries to her face, whilst speaking with her she became non-compliant with officers and assaulted them, leading to her arrest. Following further information being received a male inside the premises was arrested shortly after this. This incident has been recorded as an actual bodily harm, 2 x assaults against police officers and an affray under the log number LC-20220901-1504

On the Sunday 4th September 2022 at 02:26hrs, Lancashire Constabulary received a 999-call reporting an assault at the premises and requesting police attendance. CCTV shows several persons leaving the premises before crossing over to the FLAT IRON CAR PARK and a fight starts between three females which is eventually split up. Shortly after that a two males leave the premises with one appearing so intoxicated that he is unable to physically walk unassisted. Several minutes later the fight flares up again resulting in one of the females being taken to the floor before being physically removed from the area for a short while. Upon their return this female is then physically restrained outside. Officers' arrival shortly after this, no persons make any complaint of assault however they do describe one of the females as heavily intoxicated. This incident is recorded under log LC-20220904-0190.

On Monday 5th September 2022 I contacted Bryn HAYES at Trust Inns Ltd to discuss the recent incidents and my concerns over the management of the premises. I advised him that given the fact that there had been more violence at the premises and there had been no progression from them taking action against their tenants that I had no choice other than to apply for a review of the premises licence.

Over the next few days, I maintained contact with HAYES, who advised me that on 8th September he was going onto annual leave and wouldn't be able to take any action against his tenants until his return. In the spirit of working with HAYES, I advised that I would be willing to hold off on submitting my review on the condition that the premises employs SIA registered Door Supervisors on Friday & Saturday nights to minimise any further impact on the licensing objectives. HAYES advised me on 7th September that he had a meeting planned with his tenant to discuss the running of the premises and that he must have door supervisors employed for the weekend, however, on 8th September HAYES advised me this meeting was

cancelled and I received no confirmation that the premises was going to utilise Door Supervisors.

On the 7th September 2022 I also spoke with a female called ALISON who identified herself as the bar manager for the premises. She was insistent that the incident on the 4th wasn't connected with the premises and didn't seem to grasp the seriousness of customers leaving the premises and fighting on the street. Following this phone call, I received a call from Christopher TICKLE asking why I had objected to his DPS variation application which I advised him that since the application was submitted there had been incidents of violence at the premises which had caused me concerns over his management of the premises. He presented as completely unaware of the incidents and was only able to relay what ALISON had told him about no fight occurring inside the premises.

On Thursday 8th September 2022, Lancashire Constabulary received a report from staff at the premises alleging that they had been inside the premises the night before off duty when two customers entered and began disputing with her about service resulting in them assaulting her. This has been recorded as an assault without injury under log reference LC-20220908-0691.

In light of the above, Lancashire Constabulary request that the sub-committee review the premises licence.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

Statements from officers attending incidents
Statement from Licensing Officer submitting application
Police reports
Police bodyworn camera footage
CCTV of incidents

Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this 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 this 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, 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 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature 

Date 09/09/22

Capacity Licensing Officer, Lancashire Constabulary

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

Lancashire Constabulary
South Licensing Team
Preston Police Station
Lancaster Road North

Post town

Preston

Post Code

PR1 2SA

Telephone number (if any) 01772 209785

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) SouthLicensing@lancashire.police.uk

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.