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Aykley Heads
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CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53(a)(B) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion of the premise described below are associated with serious crime/serious disorder/both serious crime and serious disorder.

Premises:
Memory Lane
51 Church Street
Seaham
SR7 7HF

Premise licence no: DCCC/PLA0653

Name of Premises licence holder: Emma Louise BIRD

I am a superintendent in Durham Constabulary

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that the other procedures under the licencing Act are inappropriate in this case, and that it is proportionate in the circumstance for the following reasons:

There has been an incident involving serious crime at the premises namely a section 18 assault (GBH) on Saturday 20th April 2024 whereby the victim has sustained significant head and facial injuries. The victim remains in hospital and will require surgery.

The circumstances around this incident and the assault bring into serious question the management and running of this premise. The incident was not reported to police by the premises, and the investigation has been hindered by the actions of the premises namely the interference of the crime scene and delay in viewing the CCTV.

I note there is currently an ongoing dispute between the owners of the premises which has resulted in recent police intervention, and one of the parties removing CCTV cameras and then restricting access to the system. I feel this is impacting on the running of this premises and a failure to uphold the licensing objectives and poses a significant risk to the public.

I have considered a standard review of the premises licence; however, I do not feel this step to be appropriate the incident was so serious the case must be put before a licensing committee as soon as possible for measures to be put in place to address the risk this premises poses.

Therefore immediate action via an summary review is required to prevent any further serious incidents taking place at the premises. The summary review process would enable the police and licencing authority to seek the removal of the designated premises supervisor and the suspension of the premises licence whilst the criminal investigations are ongoing and to fully determine the suitability of persons involved in the ongoing running of this premise.

This is the only proportionate action available at the time to prevent any further crime and disorder at the premises.

Signed

Dated 24th April 2024

Print Name Neal Bickford

Title Superintendent2431