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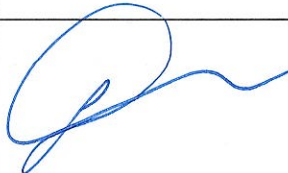
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Darlington Register Office

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27 January 2023

## Application for approval as a venue licensed for civil marriages and civil partnerships

An application is made to the **Darlington Borough Council** being the local licensing authority for approval of premises suitable for civil marriages and civil partnerships in pursuance of the Marriage Act 1949 (section 26(1)(bb)); the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (section 6(3A)(a)); and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples Act (2016)).

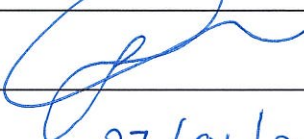
This application must be made by the proprietor or a trustee of the premises. If successful, the applicant will be the holder of the approval. When completed, it should be forwarded to the Superintendent Registrar at Darlington Register Office, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT

Name of premises to be licensed	Kings Hotel Priestgate Darlington DL1 1NW
Type of application (new or renewal)	Renewal (for a further three years)
Where renewal date of expiry of current licence	04.06.2023
Name of applicant	Gareth Freeman General Manager
Signature of applicant	
Date of application	27/1/2023

I, **GARETH FREEMAN** being the applicant, apply for the premises known as **The Kings Hotel, Priestgate, Darlington** to be approved for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships in accordance with the above legislation.

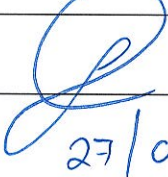
I understand that:

- a) the premises may be inspected for suitability before approval is granted and, if this application is successful, may be subject to subsequent inspection as required;
- b) public notice of the application will be given by advertisement on the Darlington Borough Council website with comments or objections to the application being submitted for consideration to the approving licensing committee.
- c) approval, if granted, will be for a period determined by the authority and will be subject to revocation. It will be for no less than three years; and
- d) the authority will need to be satisfied that appropriate health and safety provision and fire safety is in place.
- e). I declare that I have read and understood the information contained in this form and Annexes A, B, C and D to this application.
- f). the premises are not religious premises.
- g). the premises are not a register office (or, where a register office is situated in the premises that is not the room that is the subject of this application); and
- h) I have consulted the planning authority as to whether planning consent is required and attach evidence that it is content that the premises may be used for marriages and civil partnerships.
- i). I further declare that, if approval is granted subject to any exemptions in the Equality Act 2010 (see paragraphs 2.7 - 2.11 of this guidance) the premises will be regularly available for public use for the solemnization of marriages and the registration of civil partnerships; and
- j). I will comply with both the standard conditions {Annex C of this guidance} and any further conditions that the authority considers reasonable

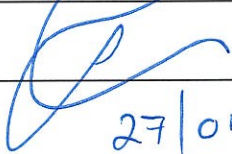
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**Details of premises to be approved as a venue  
for civil marriages and civil partnerships**

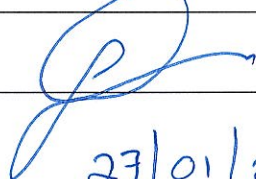
1.	Name of the applicant	Gareth Freeman
2.	Position held within business	General Manager
3.	Nature of usual business of the premises	Hotel
4.	Current licence details	Renewal The hotel is currently licensed for civil marriages and civil partnerships. The current licence is due to expire on 04.06.2023

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5.	Areas within the premises and maximum number of persons sought to be permitted to present during the marriage or civil partnership.		
		Room	Maximum Capacity
		The Ballroom	300
		The Pullman Suite	60
		Outdoor ceremonies are not applicable to this venue	

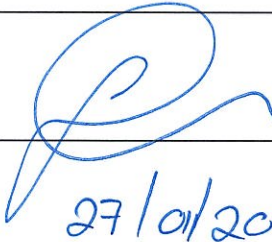
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6.	Do the premises currently have the benefit of a public entertainment licence ?	Yes
7.	Are you aware of there being any current planning applications or restrictions which may impact this application ?	No
8.	Do you have a current fire risk assessment which is available for inspection upon request and that its content does not adversely affect the proposed ceremony room occupancies or the performing of civil marriages or civil partnerships within the proposed ceremony rooms.	Yes

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9.	Do you currently have a current Disability Discrimination assessment which is available for inspection upon request and that its contents does not adversely affect the proposed ceremony room occupancies or the performing of civil ceremonies within the proposed ceremony rooms.	Yes
10.	<p>I can confirm that the application fee of £1750.00 will be paid to the licensing authority either by (highlight as applicable):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>I have enclosed a cheque for £1750.00 payable to Darlington Borough Council.</del></li> <li>Raise an invoice to the details as stated</li> </ol>	Invoice to be raised upon return of application
11.	<p>My contact details as the applicant throughout the application process are:</p> <p><i>[Faint, illegible text]</i></p>	<p>Gareth Freeman General Manager Kings Hotel Priestgate Darlington DL1 1NW</p> <p>Tel: 01325 380 222 E: Gareth.Freeman@ Mercuredarlington.co.uk</p>

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