

Appendix 1

DURHAM CONSTABULARY

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Durham County Council

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CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

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

Premises: The

Majestic Bar,

Bondgate,

Darlington.

DL3 7JT

Premises Licence number (if known): DL16/00704 Name of

Premises Supervisor (if known): JOHN LYALL THOMPSON

I am a Superintendent in Durham Constabulary.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, and that it is proportionate in the circumstances.

There has been an incident at the above-named premises where a charity boxing event was taking place. The Premises Licence for that venue does not allow a boxing event to take place at any time unless it was granted as part of a Temporary Event Notice. I am aware that no such TEN notice was applied for or granted for the event. Due to this event going ahead, neither Durham Constabulary or Darlington Borough Council were aware of the event or what measures were put in place to prevent incidents of crime and disorder occurring.

At 10:29pm on Saturday 21st October 2023, Durham Constabulary were made aware of an incident in the cocktail bar of the premises where a violent disturbance occurred, and a male victim was assaulted and had ¼ of his right ear bitten off by another male at the event. Several persons not directly involved in the disturbance, were knocked to the floor and assaulted throughout, including women. Children were also present in the immediate vicinity at the time.

The male victim has sustained a serious life changing injury with a deformity to his ear. An investigation has commenced, and a suspect has been identified and arrested. Enquiries are ongoing for the offence of Sec 20 Grievous Bodily Harm.

This requires immediate action via an expedited review to prevent any further serious repercussions associated with any potential future event held at the premises. The expedited process would enable the Police and Licencing Authority to seek the removal of the DPS and the suspension of the Premises

Licence whilst the criminal investigation is ongoing and to fully determine the suitability of such persons to be involved in the ongoing running of this premises. This is the only proportionate action available at this time.

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DATED: 23.10.23

DATED:

PRINT NAME: KELLY MARTIN
TITLE:

TITLE: SUPERVISOR