

Form 693

# Form for Applying for a Summary Licence Review

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)

# PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in

Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number:

Use additional sheets if necessary.

Name:

London Borough of Brent

Address:						
Brent Civic Centre						
Post town:	Wembley		Post code:	HA9 0FJ		
Ref. No.:	210836/TJW					
I Police Sergeant						
on behalf of the chief officer of police for the Metropolitan Police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.						
1. Premises details						
Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:						
Carlton Lounge (Tiger Bay) 232 - 234 Kingsbury Road, London						
Post town:	Brent		Post code: (if known)	NW9 0BH		
2. Premises licence details						
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known):						
Carlton Lounge (UK) Ltd						
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known):						
362998						
3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 (Please read guidance note 1)						
I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.						
Please tick th	ne box to confirm:	$\boxtimes$				



# **4.** Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both (Please read guidance note 2)

Carlton Lounge (Tiger Bay) 232 - 234 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BH, is a restaurant, night club, and Shisha bar, the premises benefits a Premises Licence for the following licensable activities and hours.

Reglulated Entertainment: Live Music, Recorded Music, or anything of a similar description.

Times Monday - Thursday 11:00 - 03:00 Friday - Saturday 11:00 - 04:00 Sunday 11:00 - 03:00

**Provision of Late Night Refreshments:** 

Times Monday - Thursday 23:00 - 03:30 Friday - Saturday 23:00 - 04:30 Sunday 23:00 - 03:30

Sale or Supply of Alcohol:

Times Monday - Thursday 11:00 - 03:00 Friday - Saturday 11:00 - 04:00 Sunday 11:00 - 03:00

The opening hours of the premises

Times Monday - Thursday 11:00 - 03:30 Friday - Saturday 11:00 - 04:30 Sunday 11:00 - 03:30

The Premises Licence Holder, (PLH) is a registered company called Carlton Lounge (UK) Ltd, the company director is Mr Thavatheva Thevarajah also known as 'Tavi Thevarajah', who is also the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS). Mr Thevarajah has been responsible for the Premises Licence since 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at 03:31 hours Police were contacted by the London Ambulance Service (LAS) to a male that had been taken to hospital with a stab wound, and in a critical condition, it was then established that a fight at the Carlton Lounge (Tiger Bay) 232 - 234 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BH, a fight started inside the venue, SIA door staff ejected both groups of males who continued fighting across the road from the venue, which resulted in people using weapons and a male being stabbed, resulting in the male later losing his life to his injuries.

Police opened a murder investigation, and a crime scene closing Kingsbury High Road, outside the venue, and surrounding roads were cordoned off.

Currently, there is an ongoing live investigation and at the time of writing this review, the exact facts around the incident are still being established Connect Cad Cad Care refers.

What has so far been established is that no one from the venue called Police, the SIA appear to have removed the fighting groups from inside the premises, and made little to no attempt to take control of the incident that then escalated outside.



# The following failings have been noted:

- 1) Police were called at 03:31 hours on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 by LAS which had in turn received a 999 call from a man reporting a stabbing at Tiger Bay. On police and medic arrival, no casualty was present. At 03:40 police had a call from a nurse at Northwick Park Hospital to report a man had come in with stab wounds.
- 2) CCTV shows a large-scale disorder immediately outside the venue from about 03:25 to 03:30, during which the victim received a stab wound and collapsed at the scene. He was taken to hospital by other people, before emergency services arrived. Estimated 20-25 people involved in the disorder.
- 3) There was no call from the venue staff or management to reports of the disorder, or anything else. Staff were present and witnessing events, and security personnel were involved in the disorder, in apparent attempts to separate people.
- 4) The suspect can be seen entering the venue at 02:00am, with others. There is no search of any of them, frisk, metal detector, wand or otherwise.
- 5) The suspect is later seen outside with a large knife, which was used in the disorder and appears to have been used to stab the victim, ultimately killing him (subject to pathology confirmation on cause of death).
- 6) Appears likely that the knife was in the suspect's possession inside the venue.
- 7) Police body worn video (BWV) shows a manager telling an attending CID officer that the groups involved in the disorder had not been inside Tiger Bay before the disorder. This was untrue, as they had been and indeed most, if not all, of the people had come from inside Tiger Bay, some having been specifically ejected by the staff/security.
- 8) Police BWV shows the manager saying he thinks a bottle/bottles were involved. A customer approaches and says a knife was used and had been pulled out inside the venue. He was promptly ushered away by another manager/member of staff.
- 9) House to house enquiries revealed local residents complain there is frequently noisy anti-social behaviour from the venue.

# Summary

This incident on 18 May 2025, constitutes serious crime and disorder, which has triggered this review. The Metropolitan Police have serious concerns that the premises management and staff members demonstrated a lack of control and failing to undertake pro-active searches. The staff initially indicated that the incident did not start in the venue and later retracted their statement, admitting that both groups were in fact inside the venue, where the altercation started.

Due to the ongoing criminal investigation, it is currently difficult to establish the full facts from a licensing perspective. However, from the information we have gathered so far, the Police have that the aforementioned points above demonstrate that the licensing objectives are not being upheld.

Police Recommendation – The Police request an immediate suspension of Carlton Lounge's premises licence pending a full review due the level of seriousness of the incident.





Signature of applicant						
Signature:		Date:	21/05/2025			
Capacity:	Police Sergeant					
Contact details for matters concerning this application						
Surname:		First Names:				
Address:						
Wembley Police Station, 603 Harrow road						
Post town:	London	Post code:	HA0 2HH			
Tel. No.:		Email:				

# Notes for guidance

- 1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both. 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.
- 2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.

Retention Period: 7 years MP 146/12