

**GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE**

**SCHEDULE 8A**

**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)**

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I. Police Constable 15913 Peter Eccleston

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(on behalf of) the chief officer of police for the 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.**

SKY BAR, UNIT 4 KAY GARDENS, BURY, BL9 0BL

**Post town:** BURY

**Postcode:** BL9 0BL

**2. Premises licence details**

**Name of Premises licence holder (if known);**

MR MICHAEL WOODS

**Number of Premises Licence**

PL 1161

**3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003**

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 the box to confirm)*

X

#### **4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:**

Between 00:14 and 00:18 hours on the morning Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024, an incident of Serious Disorder and Serious Crime occurred immediately outside and in the nearby Bury Interchange is associated to SKY BAR.

Two customers were confronted outside the venue after they were seen to be drinking alcohol from glassware in a public place. The glasses were removed from the customers by a member of staff, who at the time was not on duty and had been drinking alcohol themselves. The two males have then followed the member of staff back into the bar, at which point a verbal exchange has taken place and they are escorted out of the premises by both staff and other customers.

Whilst immediately outside, one of the ejected customers has picked a wooden advertising board and proceeded to hit another male customer over the head twice resulting in him being knocked unconscious. Following this initial assault, a female member of staff who was present, is punched once in the face by the same male customer which knocks her backwards off her feet and into one of the support stanchions for the canopy outside hitting her head in the process.

As the two customers were being escorted off the premises, another customer, who is the partner of one of the bar managers, picks up a large adjustable wrench which had been left behind the bar and following the assaults, threatens the two ejected customers resulting in them fleeing the scene and onto the nearby interchange.

Two to three minutes later, two members of bar staff and several other customers, including the customer holding the wrench, pursues the males onto the interchange. There is a brief verbal exchange before one of the customers present, takes hold of the adjustable wrench and lunges at the two ejected customers. Both males try to flee, however in doing so, one of the male's trips and falls to floor at which point the male customer, who is now holding the wrench, approaches and proceeds to beat this male in the face and over the head seven or eight times with said wrench before proceeding to kick him in the torso. At this point, one of the members of staff joins in and hits him with what appears to be a small shoulder bag whilst lying helpless and unconscious in the middle of the road.

Following this serious assault, those present flee the scene, with the majority returning to the premises however, the male customer responsible for the assault with the wrench and a member of staff, flee in the opposite direction. During the investigation, officers have been able to establish that this member of staff is responsible for disposing of the weapon in a bin on the far side of the interchange.

Fortunately, the male customer who was beaten with the wrench, survived the attack however as a result, he was for one of a better word, left for dead. He had lost a substantial amount of blood from his head, ears, nose, and mouth along with several teeth.

In the immediate aftermath, two individuals were arrested and were questioned by police and as investigating officers tried to piece together evidence in relation to this incident, a request was made to SKY BAR for a copy of their CCTV footage however, on the night they were told by staff that there was no one present who had access to the CCTV system and therefore could not produce a copy there and then. Footage has been recovered since, along with footage from Bury Council and TFGM with regards to the interchange.

It is the opinion of Greater Manchester Police that an expedited review of the premises licence is necessary to allow the licence authority to review/amend the licence conditions and prevent a reoccurrence of such serious crime and disorder.

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 24**

**Capacity: Police Licensing Officer**

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