

Greater Manchester Police, Bury, BL9 0RD

**CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime / serious disorder / both serious crime and serious disorder<sup>1</sup>.

*Premises*<sup>2</sup>:

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

Premises licence number (if known): PL 1161

Name of premises supervisor (if known): MR MICHAEL WOODS

I am a Superintendent<sup>3</sup> in the Greater Manchester police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because<sup>4</sup>:

These premises are associated with serious crime and Serious Disorder.

At 00:14 hours on the morning of Friday the 21st of June 2024 an incident of serious disorder occurred at the above premises resulting in a customer being struck by an advertising board and seemingly being knocked unconscious and a female member of staff being punched to the face which knocked off her feet resulting in her colliding with a lamp post.

The offenders in this case have then fled the scene after being approached by another customer and threatened with a large adjustable spanner which was taken from behind the bar at the venue. A few minutes later, several customers from Sky Bar (one which was still carrying the adjustable spanner), and two members of staff have pursued the two males onto Bury Interchange. A brief exchange has taken place before both males are attacked. The male from the initial assault outside Sky Bar has attempted to flee, however he trips and is

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<sup>1</sup> Delete as applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

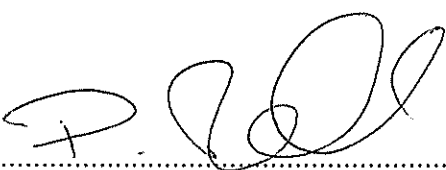
<sup>3</sup> Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

<sup>4</sup> Give a brief description of why other procedures such as a standard review process are thought to be inappropriate, e.g. the degree of seriousness of the crime and/or disorder, the past history of compliance in relation to the premises concerned.

then beaten 7 to 8 times in the head by one of the pursuing customers, with the adjustable spanner causing significant injuries to his head and face resulting in a complete loss of consciousness and a substantial loss of blood.

Whilst on the floor unconscious, the same offender kicks the male in the torso and one of the staff members hits the customer with what appears to be a bag. All parties then flee the scene leaving the male in a serious condition and the second member of staff, flees with the customer responsible for the assault. During the investigation, it transpires that this second member of staff is responsible for discarding the weapon in a bin at the far side of the interchange before returning to the premises and continuing with his duties.

It is my opinion 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.

  
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(Signed) (Date) 24/06/24  
D. Supt  
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