

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 Peter Eccleston 15913

(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.

OVERDRAUGHT, 28-30 BLACKBURN STREET

Post town: RADCLIFFE, BURY

Postcode: M26 1NQ

2. Premises licence details

Name of Premises licence holder (if known);

Alistair Scott Johnson

Number of Premises Licence PL0014

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)

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

Both Serious Crime & Serious Disorder.

At 01:21 hours on Sunday 9th November 2025, Greater Manchester Police attended reports of serious crime and serious disorder at Overdraught, 28-30 Blackburn Street, Radcliffe. As a result of this incident, a crime was recorded for S.18 Assault (grievous bodily harm with intent)

Through speaking to witnesses and reviewing CCTV footage, it has been established that at approximately 01:14hrs on the morning of Sunday 9th November 2025, the victim has walked over to the pool table area at the rear of the premises. Initially it would appear that the perpetrator and his friend were playing pool when a conversation has taken place with the victim which has attracted further attention from some of the other patrons within the premises. From the CCTV footage you can clearly see the perpetrators friend unscrewing one of the pool cues in to two halves and was presenting as if they were to be used as weapons but for some unknown reason, the victim is pushed by a female patron before being struck by the perpetrator with a full length pool cue, which initially looks to have struck the victim on the arm as he raises his arm in self-defence.

At this point, the licensee and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), Mr Alistair Johnson who is sat at the table where the initial assault takes place, intervenes, separates both parties and escorts the victim towards the bar area before they are approached by the same female who has a brief discussion with the DPS pushes the victim. At this point, the perpetrator approaches and proceeds to hit the victim several times with the pool cue before backing off and the victim is ushered away and ejected from the premises shortly followed by the perpetrator and his friend who is still in possession of the split pool cue.

Speaking to the witness (friend of the victim), the assault continued outside, yards away from the premises at the junction of Blackburn Street and Church Street West, Radcliffe where the victim was struck several more times over the head with a pool cue before walking away down Church Street West.

CCTV enquiries with Bury Council were conducted on the night however the coverage of Radcliffe Town Centre has been impacted due to the regeneration work and as such the assault outside has not been visible however the footage does capture the victim and his friend, walking down Church Street West from the direction of Blackburn Street, under the Metrolink bridge before officers are able to locate them at the junction of Bury Road and Pine Street.

It is at this point those officers were able to see what injuries the victim had sustained, and they report that the victim had a large wound to the back of the head where he had been struck, with blood on his head and clothing. They also report that he had a badly swollen left arm which is believed to have been sustained as a result of attempting to defend himself. Officers note on the incident log that at the time they were unsure as to whether the arm was broken or not due to the victim reporting a lack of sensation and movement in his fingers.

An ambulance was requested and although the attending paramedics didn't believe the injuries to be life threatening or changing, they did take the victim to hospital for further assessment and treatment however whilst in accident and emergency, the victim had a seizure which resulted in him having to be sedated. Officers that attended hospital with the victim report that initial scans had been carried out and fortunately they appeared to be clear.

The investigation is in its infancy and there are numerous enquiries still outstanding certainly with regards any potential CCTV which may have captured the assault outside the premises. Mr Johnson, has allowed officers to review the premises CCTV footage on the night which was subsequently recorded by officers on their body worn video, and I believe enquiries are ongoing to obtain the actual footage from the venues CCTV system itself.

The body worn video of the premises CCTV footage has been included with this application and the secure links have been forwarded to the licensing authority (Appendix A) however further footage may come to light as the investigation progresses. Furthermore, photographs of the broken pool cue were taken at the scene which have been included at Appendix B.

Having looked through GMP computer systems, the only report I am able to find is the one made by the victim / friend of victim. Disappointingly, I am not able to find any reports to the police by the premises. (GMP log reference 000248-09112025 has been attached at appendix C)

This is not the first time an expedited review involving this premises has been requested by Greater Manchester Police. In January 2024 the premise was associated with another serious assault where two customers were attacked outside the premises with knives after all parties had left the venue. On that occasion, door supervisors were not employed and despite a request by Greater Manchester Police for door supervisor to be considered as part of any amendment to the licensing conditions to try and prevent any further serious crime, this wasn't granted.

At the end of March 2025, there was a report of a violent disorder within the premises whereby a male customer had been hit over the head with a glass bottle during a dispute with another customer near to the pool table. Following this incident, a meeting was arranged with Mr Johnson, Laura Bell from the Licensing Authority and myself. This was followed up with a written action plan which was emailed to Mr Johnson on Thursday 3rd April 2025 is included at Appendix D

During those conversation, Mr Johnson agreed to carry out several actions, one of which was to cease all games of pool from 10pm onwards and to ensure all pool balls and cues are securely stored away within the table itself or the office. Unfortunately, this has not been adhered to and again there has been another incident involving serious crime and disorder at the premises which has resulted in this request for a review of the premises license by Greater Manchester Police as we feel it necessary to bring this incident to the attention of the licensing authority with a view to license conditions being amended to prevent a reoccurrence of such serious crime and disorder and ensure the safety customers.

Greater Manchester Police would like the Licensing Authority to consider the below amendments to the current premises license under the below licensing objectives.

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER:

In addition to the current conditions, please consider:

1. A SIA registered door company will be employed by the License Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor. A minimum of two door supervisors will be employed between the times of 9pm until close of business every Friday, Saturday, Sunday of bank holidays and other key dates throughout the year including but not limited to Good Friday, Christmas eve, Boxing Day, New Years Eve.
2. The Designated Premises Supervisor or on-duty manager must ensure that all door supervisors on duty at the premises are correctly displaying their current SIA accreditation and are briefed on their responsibilities and relevant company operating procedures before they commence duty.
1. Any door supervisors on duty at the premises must be supplied by an SIA-Approved Contractor Scheme company.
3. No games of pool to be allowed on the premises at any time of day and pool table to be removed from the premises.
4. From 9pm onwards, all glassware will be swapped out for polycarbonate and all glass bottles will be decanted into said polycarbonate glasses.
5. Frequent glass collecting throughout the evening to prevent any glassware being used as potential weapons.
6. CCTV system to be reviewed and upgraded where required to ensure all CCTV cameras are able to record HD format at a minimum of 24 frames per second with enough storage capacity for a minimum of 28 days footage. CCTV cameras to be installed on external walls to cover all entrances/exits. DPS must ensure that the CCTV equipment has a constant and accurate date and time generation as well as regularly serviced at 3 monthly intervals which should be recorded. Said records must be made available for inspection by a police officer or authorised officer of the Licensing Authority upon request
- 7.

Signature of Applicant:

 PC 15913

Date: 11/11/2025

Capacity: Police Licensing Officer

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