

**BLOC 40, FIRST FLOOR, 40 HIGH STREET, BRENTWOOD CM14 4AJ**

# **APPENDIX 1**

*Application to Review the Premises Licence*

*Received 6 July 2023*

*Mr Simon Barnes, Essex Police Licensing Officer*

*on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police*

*plus*

*Supplementary Bundle*

*Received 25 July 2023*

*Addendum*

*Received 3 August 2023*

Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Ongar Road, Brentwood CM15 8AY

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003**

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I Simon Barnes, Essex Police Licensing Officer, on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police

*(Insert name of applicant)*

**apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> BLOC 40 FIRST FLOOR 40 HIGH STREET	
<b>Post town</b> Brentwood	<b>Post code (if known)</b> CM14 4AJ

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b>  A A Trading Limited
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<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> PRM_0545
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

- 1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

**(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT** (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other title  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

Please tick ✓ yes

**Current postal  
address if  
different from  
premises  
address**

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address  
(optional)**

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address  The Chief Officer of Police for the county of Essex and the non-metropolitan districts of Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock  ESSEX POLICE LICENSING TEAM BRAINTREE POLICE STATION BYTH'S MEADOW BRAINTREE CM7 3DJ
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**This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)**

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

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**Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)**

The premises has a long history of operating in circumstances whereby it has to the attention of both the police and the licensing authority, including in June 2021 when a summary review of the premises was made by Essex Police following a double stabbing at the premises.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June the premises hosted what was described as a 14<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Footage shared on social media shows a large-scale disturbance within the premises with youths punching and striking each other, bottles of spirits being used as weapons and thrown at party attendees. There appeared to be only a limited attempt by premises staff to stop this disorderly behaviour.

Council CCTV footage then shows the disturbance spreading outside the premises and into the road with upwards of 60 persons estimated to be involved. This necessitated the deployment of in excess of 10 police units including specialist resources being called to assist.

The circumstances are such that the following licensing objectives were undermined:

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety.
- The prevention of public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application** (please read guidance note 3)

The below sets out the basic grounds as to why this review has been submitted. They will be amplified upon during the statutory consultation period.

The premises has for some time been associated with crime and disorder, including in 2021 when 2 persons were stabbed, and Essex Police initiated a summary review of the premises licence.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 a large-scale disturbance involving large numbers of school children took place within the venue and outside on the street. Attending officers found many of these were intoxicated, presumably having consumed alcohol before attending but still allowed entry. During the incident full bottles of spirits etc. were snatched from the bar area and used as weapons.

Evidence suggests that SIA door staff were not on duty (cursory searches of bags was witnessed by council CCTV but the individuals doing so were not visibly wearing SIA licences). Searching and controlling entry are licensable activities to be undertaken by SIA licensed staff only; it is an offence to undertake such activity whilst unlicensed or failing to display an SIA licence.

Social media footage appears to show the owner of the business taking no steps to intervene and apparently allowing disorderly behaviour on the premises (an offence under section 140 of the Licensing Act 2003).

A large amount of police resources, including many from outside Brentwood, needed to be deployed to attend and take control of the situation. The youths endangered themselves and other members of the public when they spilled into the roadway.

Since the incident the police licensing team have attempted many times to speak with the premises owner, but phone calls, letters and e-mails have not been responded to. Requests to attend and view CCTV footage (a condition of the premises licence) have not been responded to.

Further enquiries are being made into the incident and the culpability of premises management and whilst Essex Police would generally take a stepped approach to enforcement (and seek to work with premises) it remains the case that this premises has a history of non-compliance, the most recent incident was serious and demonstrated an apparent lack of management control – and premises management has so far failed to respond to communication from the police.

All 4 of the licensing objectives were undermined during this incident; youths committed assaults (including the use of improvised weapons), persons inside and outside were liable to injury, significant nuisance to road and footway users was occasioned and the attendees (children) were not protected.



Paragraph 1.8 of the Statutory Guidance issued by the Home Secretary under section 182 of the Act specifically states, "The police remain key enforcers of licensing law. This Guidance does not bind police officers who, within the parameters of their force orders and the law remain operationally independent.

At the subsequent hearing Essex Police will be asking the licensing authority to take substantial steps to protect the public going forward and to consider the need for deterrence and to consider what is necessary to promote the objective of crime prevention (in particular), and the needs of the wider community, and not be limited to guidance and remedial action and to the needs of the licence-holders<sup>1</sup>.

This may involve revocation or suspension of the premises licence.

<sup>1</sup>The case of *Bassetlaw District Council, R (on the application of) v Workshop Magistrates Court* [2008] EWHC 3530 (Admin)

Essex Police will produce further documentary or other information in support of this application ahead of the hearing and would ask the authority to take this into account as it may do under Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

In accordance with paragraph 11.9 of the Statutory Guidance Essex Police may amplify its representation at the subsequent hearing.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
03	06	2021

**If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them**



Please tick ✓

yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

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**Part 3 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 4)

**Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

.....SJBarnes.....

Date **06/07/2023**

Capacity

Licensing Officer with the delegated power of the Chief Officer of Police for Essex (the Chief Constable of Essex Police) to submit review applications.....

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**Notes for Guidance**

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
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Please find attached the police bundle for the ongoing review into a premises known as Bloc 40.

Given the nature of the incident including the presence of children, it is Essex Police's position that the hearing should be heard in the absence of the press and public, at a minimum the display of the records should be held in private to avoid the unnecessary release of information related to underage individuals.

Kind Regards



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## **Premises Licence Review**

**Bloc 40  
40 High Street, Brentwood**

**Supplementary documentary information in support of review.**

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## 1.0 Background Details

- 1.1 Bloc 40 is a licensed premises situated at 40 High Street, Brentwood CM14 4AJ. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is A A Trading Limited and holds a licence number of PRM\_0545, the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) at the time of the incident was Leonora Dunne and has been since 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- 1.2 The premises has previously been reviewed on two separate occasions, first in June 2016 due to the licence being not in keeping with the business model and in June 2021 as a summary review triggered by Essex Police after a double stabbing on the premises
- 1.3 The premises has been in the control of A A Trading Limited since April 2015. The company at the time had two directors with only one still with the company with the name Ahmet MELIN.
- 1.4 An application to transfer the licence into the company's control was received by Essex Police on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015. At this time the premises was a snooker club that had been operating at the site since before the Licensing Act 2003 came into force.
- 1.5 Essex Police have received numerous reports in the last 2-3 years, a selection of these reports where it has been possible to link these to the premises alongside intelligence reports of interest have been included at Appendix A
- 1.6 The current premises is a night club operating on a single floor located up a flight of stairs leading off the high street. The club is made up of one large room and a terrace area with a single bar set up near to the terrace entrance.
- 1.7 In recent times the premises predominately operates on a private event and bottomless brunch events structure with only occasional openings for evenings to the wider public.



## **2.0 Outline of circumstances leading to the Review application.**

- 2.1 At 21:11 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Essex Police received a call regarding a fight at Bloc 40. The caller indicated that the entire club was fighting and throwing bottles and going behind the bar and smashing bottles.
- 2.2 Call handler noted that the caller was extremely rude and was not answering questions from the call handler regarding numbers involved just say "it's the whole club".
- 2.3 Officers have attended the High Street at 21:16 estimating around 100 youths in groups in and around Bloc 40 with a call out for all available units to attend, a total of 11 units were deployed to this incident.
- 2.4 Officers have spoken to a person who identified herself as staff at Bloc 40 and it was confirmed that the incident came from a 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. During the event two groups of boys have started a fight with some climbing over the bar, picking up bottles to use as weapons.
- 2.5 The member of staff noted that she had searched every person who entered the premises for bottles, and none entered the premises, but she did admit that some who entered may have already been intoxicated.
- 2.6 With the assistance of two local teachers, officers were able to disperse the majority of the youths by 21:51 with the remaining youths leaving the High Street soon after.
- 2.7 A review of the Council CCTV shows that the event started at 18:00 with a female standing guard at the entry of the premises who appeared to be searching bags and pockets. It is seen that at times several individuals are not searched either being waved through or some sneaking around the barriers and bypassing security.
- 2.8 At no time was the female undertaking searches seen to be wearing a SIA badge. The searching of individuals prior to entering a licensed premises is a regulated activity under Private Security Industry Act 2001 and it is a requirement to display their registration ID card whilst undertaking regulated activity. During discussions with officers no ID card is seen round her arm or on display according to the officer's BWV.
- 2.9 Failing to display a SIA registered ID whilst undertaking frontline duties in the form of a door supervisor undertaking regulated activities, the protection of property by searching individuals prior to entry, is an offence under section 9 of Private Security Industry Act 2001. Undertaking these activities whilst not registered with the Security Industry Authority is also an offence under section 3 of the same act.



- 2.10 Council CCTV shows that at 21:11 customers begin leaving the premises, the large group of youths with some running from the area move into the road creating a road block to traffic. A few moments later a male is seen emptying a bottle and after rounding past the main group has attempted to use this bottle to strike another male. The group begins to fight the bottle user initially and then turn on each other with the male attempting to grab the bottle being pushed to the ground and kicked by multiple others. A copy of this recording is exhibited as BLOC40/VR1
- 2.11 Whilst officers were attempting to restore order one male was spoken to with an apparent eye injury, the male stated that he had been hit by another male but was unwilling to identify the suspect nor give their details as a victim.
- 2.12 Essex Police have received two recordings taken by members of the public, one of these videos contains a person level imagery of the fight highlighted in the previous paragraph and is exhibited as BLOC40/VR2.
- 2.13 The second video shows the scene inside the premises, this shows a fight occurring next to the bar with multiple youths watching and some involved. At least one youth is seen jumping over the bar with those fighting attempting to grab bottles that were on display behind the bar. It is observed that Mr MELIN is seen initially walking away from what appears to be a full blown fight before returning trying to block access to the bar area and take bottles off individuals. At no other time does it appear any security or adult attempts to become involved. This recording is exhibited as BLOC40/VR3.
- 2.14 Essex Police's licensing team began an investigation into the events of the 16<sup>th</sup> June including reviewing BWV from attending officers and reviewing the social media recordings passed to Essex Police.
- 2.15 On 21<sup>st</sup> June, Essex Police Licensing Officer Simon Barnes sent a request to the PLH for a meeting to discuss the incident and to take copies of the CCTV within the premises and the records of any SIA door supervisors on site, this request was made via email to the registered email address of the PLH, with a follow up voicemail and letters sent the next day, one to the PLH address by post alongside a second copy hand delivered onto the premises. As of the 6<sup>th</sup> July no response to any of these communications attempts were received.
- 2.16 Due to the lack of any attempt by the premises to contact the Essex Police Licensing team and given issues previously at the premises, it was felt that no other option was available but to trigger a review of the Premises Licence under all four licensing objectives. This was applied for on 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- 2.17 Essex Police licensing received communication from the office of Mr David Dadds on 10<sup>th</sup> July indicating that they were now acting on behalf of the PLH, in this communication a request for a meeting was outlined and Essex Police agreed to a meeting for 14<sup>th</sup> July.



- 2.18 During the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July a request was re-submitted for access to the CCTV and SIA records for the evening in question. Two CCTV clips were received by Essex Police but at the time of writing the door staff records have yet to be given to police.
- 2.19 The first feed was of outside of the premises which appears to show no further information not available in the council CCTV. The second feed is of the bar area which shows the build up to the fight which includes the PLH speaking to those who would later fight, the fight starting with multiple persons becoming involved with some being forced to the ground including the PLH. There was one member of bar staff behind the bar who moves further up the bar when the fight begins.
- 2.20 During the fight the PLH moves to a defensive position in the bar hatch area and makes no further attempts to break up the fight and only becomes involved when the fight approaches the bar area or when bottles are grabbed. At one point a large bottle is seen being used as a club before the PLH is able to remove this from the male. A copy of this recording is supplied as BLOC40/VR4.
- 2.21 At no time during the length of the video are any security seen or any other adult beyond the PLH and bar worker, of which only one attempts to stop the fight but stops once it has become a melee.
- 2.22 On 15<sup>th</sup> July Essex Police were called to concerns regarding an underage party being held at the premises and multiple youths appearing to be drunk. Officers have attended and spoken briefly with the PLH before doing a patrol of the club to confirm compliance. It was observed that, on this occasion, no bottles have been left on display and the number of youths in the premises appeared less than on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.
- 2.23 It is noted that there was a security presence with at least 4 security personnel; 3 at the door and one in the bar area. This is only what was seen and it is possible there were further security present on this occasion. It was also noted that none of the security on the door appeared to be displaying their SIA licences as required.
- 2.24 On the 18<sup>th</sup> July Essex Police received from Royal Mail the letter sent to the address listed on the licence as the PLH's address. This has been returned to the licensing team marked as returned to sender with the reasons given being "not at this address". This would give indication that the licence holder has not kept their licence updated, giving further consideration to the poor management of this licence.

### **3.0 Reasons for Review**

- 3.1 The incident in question has involved a premises that has been raised as a concern previously with the last major incident being a stabbing on the premises which resulted in a summary review being initiated in June 2021.
- 3.2 During this incident concerns were raised regarding how security was managed at the premises and the general compliance with conditions. Additional conditions were agreed and imposed during the subsequent hearing.
- 3.3 This incident has once again brought into question the premises' ability to manage security at events held at the premises and compliance with the conditions of the licence.
- 3.4 The premises made no efforts to communicate in anyway with Essex Police licensing while the incident on 16<sup>th</sup> June was being investigated, which has severely hampered a full and proper investigation into the incident prior to applying for a review.
- 3.5 This lack of cooperation gives rise to a serious consideration regarding the confidence Essex Police can have that conditions have been followed and that the event was well managed. The event and subsequent incident didn't just impact the premises but also the high street with members of the public being witness to numerous children fighting in the street and the disruption this caused to motorists wishing to avoid injuring children in the street.
- 3.6 Given the level of disorder reported during this incident, significant policing resources were deployed not only from Brentwood but also the neighbouring areas of Basildon and Thurrock - some of whom were diverted from other callouts or investigations to restore order in Brentwood High Street.



#### **4.0 Review Outcome Sought**

- 4.1 Essex Police has considered the conditions put forward by the licence holder's representative but feel that these are insufficient given the above reasoning. As such the only recommendations we can make to the Licensing Sub Committee is to consider either a period of suspension or to revoke the premises licence.
- 4.2 Revocation should always be considered the option of last resort and Essex Police does not make this recommendation lightly but given the concerns highlighted at the summary review have arisen again combined with the lack of any further conditions that could be supported to reduce the risk to the Crime & Disorder objective leaves us with little choice.
- 4.3 Suspending or revoking the licence would send a clear signal to this operator that failing to comply with the conditions of the licence, breaching the licensing objectives and not working with responsible authorities can result in significant penalties being applied.

## 5.0 Case Law

5.1 Essex Police asks that the sub-committee consider the case of R (on application of **Hope and Glory Public House Ltd**) v City of Westminster Magistrates' Court and Others (2011) EWCA Civ 312.

5.2 In this case, Lord Justice Toulson said:

*“Licensing decisions often involve weighing a variety of competing considerations: the demand for licensed establishments, the economic benefit to the proprietor and to the locality by drawing in visitors and stimulating the demand, the effect on law and order, the impact on the lives of those who live and work in the vicinity, and so on. Sometimes a licensing decision may involve narrower questions, such as whether noise, noxious smells or litter coming from premises amount to a public nuisance. Although such questions are in a sense questions of fact, they are not questions of the ‘heads or tails’ variety. They involve an evaluation of what is to be regarded as reasonably acceptable in the particular location. In any case, deciding what (if any) conditions should be attached to a licence as necessary and proportionate to the promotion of the statutory licensing objectives is essentially a matter of judgment rather than a matter of pure fact.”*

5.3 The decision is important because it illustrates that licensed premises, and the activities that take place in those premises, exist in a dynamic environment, and should not be looked at entirely in isolation. The effect on a range of factors such as crime and the quality of life for residents and visitors must be considered and not just the narrow consideration of the premises itself.



## Appendix A – Police Calls & Intelligence Reports

Date	Intel Grading	Detail
Saturday 01:23 29/05/2021		Report of a fight at the premises with 2 persons stabbed, suspects entered without checks/searches by security on site
29/05/2021	2C – Untested source and is known to them indirectly	COVID Breaches - There are breaches of Covid regulations occurring on a regular basis at Bloc40 nightclub, High Street, Brentwood. These include customers being allowed to move freely in the premises between tables and dancing with each other on a dance floor. The premises are located on the first floor and passers-by are not able to see inside. It is likely this is being used to its advantage.
26/10/2021	1A – Reliable source and is known by them directly	On 26th October 2021 at 10:49 officers were on foot patrol along Brentwood High Street and there was a strong smell of cannabis coming from a night club called Bloc 40
Sunday 01:00 20/03/2022		Report of large scale fight in street, estimates placed numbers at 50 people, CCTV checks show group ejected from Bloc40 that led to fight. Several crimes were recorded but victims were unsupportive of police action including an assault on the premises prior to the fight
Saturday 18:00 23/04/2022		Report received from the Ambulance Service regarding a female found in a severe state either from intoxication or spiking. Confirmed to have come from a garage brunch being hosted at Bloc 40 that afternoon
Saturday 02:19 23/04/2022		Report of a fight on the high street of persons leaving the premises. A bat like weapon seen with one male seen knock unconscious. It was noted that at no point was there any sign of Bloc 40 door staff
05/10/2022	2D - Untested source, it is unknown how this is known to the source	Bloc 40 nightclub hides drugs and firearms in the ceiling of the ladies toilets. There was an incident a few weekends ago whereby a firearm was involved and this is where it got hide.
06/10/2022	2C – Untested source who knows this indirectly	Approximately 3 weeks ago, in BLOC40 nightclub BRENTWOOD, several black males wanted to smoke weed and said 'we are from BRIXTON so we can smoke weed here if we want.' They were told to leave but one of the group ran into the female toilets, stood on a toilet and lifted up a ceiling tile and removed a gun. Gun was not fully seen. The male then left the female toilets.



24/10/2022	2A - Untested source who knows this directly	<p>On either Friday 14th October or Saturday 15th October at around midnight, a female appeared to be promoting the BLOC 40 nightclub on the High Street of Brentwood. Whilst promoting the club she has approach a group of males travelling down the high street in the direction of the Sugar Hut. She asks the group if they are over 18 which they appear to check each other before saying "yeah". The female has then offered the group a free bottle of AU vodka and free entry into Bloc40, which the group agreed to. On counting the group the female has upped her offer to two bottles before escorting the group to the door getting them passed security. At no time were IDs checked prior to entry or during the discussion.</p> <p>The group was 6 males appearing to be aged around 16-20 years all wearing hoodies with hoods up and jeans. The female was described as being middle aged, mixed race with brown hair, average build and 5ft4.</p>
17/06/2023	2D - Untested source, it is unknown how this is known to the source	<p>Weapons are used at Block 40 nightclub, Brentwood.</p> <p>On 16/06/2023, there was a fight at the location with people throwing bottles and fighting. The kids were not search by security and managed to enter the venue with knives.</p>

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**Premises Licence Review**  
**Bloc 40, First Floor, 40 High Street, Brentwood**

**Police Addendum**

**1.0 Incident Details**

- 1.1 This addendum is in addition to a supplementary bundle submitted by Essex Police on 25<sup>th</sup> July in regard to a licence review for a premises known as Bloc 40.
- 1.2 On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July Essex Police Licensing Officer Simon Barnes was informed of an incident reported into Essex Police by the Metropolitan Police Service. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July a person attending Bloc 40 for a white shirt event has been threatened and then, after a small period of time, been hit by a car mounting the road in a hit and run.
- 1.3 A criminal investigation was launched by Brentwood CID. A review of the Council CCTV shows a vehicle parked east of the premises, turn towards buildings and drive into a male. The car then continues to drive with the male being pulled under the vehicle before being run over and the vehicle proceeds along the path before re-joining the road in front of the premises.
- 1.4 Licensing Officer Simon Barnes undertook a review of the CCTV earlier in the evening and noted the following timeline of events. At 2100hrs the premises begins to deploy its barriers and security appear to be on site ready soon after. First set of customers are seen arriving at around 2300hrs with most arriving at 2355.
- 1.5 Queue is seen being admitted until 0030 when the camera was re-deployed to monitor an incident occurring elsewhere. When the camera returns at 01:30 barriers had been moved into the closed position. The queue when last seen was from the premises heading west to the tree bordering the chapel ruins and would have taken significant time to process into the premises.
- 1.6 For the next 2 hours security continue to let stragglers through after search with the last noted entry being at 0229. Departures begin to start at around 02:35 with small numbers leaving periodically, a larger stream of people begin leaving at 02:55 and appears to wind up at 03:12.
- 1.7 Due to large numbers of persons and vehicles in the high street from around 0300 the road becomes regularly blocked by persons walking into the street, speaking to drivers and cars parking in the middle of the road. At 0315 the doors for Bloc 40 are seen to be closed, and at 0317 a large argument starts nearby. At this time 2 security guards are seen outside the front of the premises but it is unclear if they have seen the disturbance as they do not react.



- 1.8 At 0320 the guards move from the premises and are joined by two further guards towards the disturbance and begin to break up the group. After a few minutes the guards leave and enter the premises. The incident then begins as outlined in paragraph 1.3.
- 1.9 Bloc 40 has a last entry condition in Annex 3. This is condition 8 which reads: *"After midnight, no persons shall be admitted or re-admitted to the premises unless from a designated smoking area. Notices to that effect (of a minimum size of 200mm x 148mm) will be displayed at the premises' exits/entrances."* Given that entries are seen as late as 02:29 this is a clear breach of this condition.
- 1.10 On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August a request was submitted to the Premises Licence Holder, Mr Ahmet Melin, to access to the CCTV covering both internal and external views.
- 1.11 Given the timing of this event and the end of the consultation period, it has not been possible for Essex Police to complete an investigation into this incident. It should be taken that at this time, it is not possible to confirm or deny a link between this incident and the licensable activity being undertaken by the premises and as such consideration should be given to this limited position.
- 1.12 It is our concern that an event has been held with entry being beyond the last entry timing of the licence and departure from the premises appears to be far beyond the licensable activity time for the premises.
- 1.13 Given the limited time between requests being made and the end of the consultation it has not been possible for the licence holder to respond to our request by the time of writing and no inference should be given against the licence holder of not giving the CCTV to police prior to the submission of this addendum.
- 1.14 Essex Police shall continue its investigation into any concerns regarding this incident. In accordance with paragraph 9.37 of the Statutory Guidance, Essex Police may amplify its representation at the subsequent hearing. Essex Police may also produce further documentary or other information in support of this objection ahead of the hearing and would ask the authority to take this into account as it may do under Regulation 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.