



**Cocoon
64-70 Gold Street
Kettering**

Premises Licence Review Application

**Chief Supt Paul Fell
Territorial Commander
Northamptonshire Police**

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

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 this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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I Chief Superintendent Fell

(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

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Cocoon 64-70 Gold Street	
Post town Kettering	Post code (if known) NN16 8JB

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) TBR (Kettering) Ltd 1, Sterling Court Loddington Northants NN14 1RZ

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) K/12/24180

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)

- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises
- b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises
- c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

- 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

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 Northants Police Licensing Unit Unit C, Diamonds Business Centre Attley Way Irthlingborough Northants NN9 5GF
Telephone number (if any) 101 Ext 5706
E-mail address (optional) liquorlicensing@northants.pnn.police.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

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| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

Northamptonshire Police are seeking a review of this Premises Licence in respect of the Licensing Objectives marked above and in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

The grounds for this application stem from an on-going and unacceptable level of crime and disorder, concerns around the admission of young people to the premises and a failure to improve standards in order to properly promote the licensing objectives.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application
(please read guidance note 2)

Please see attached report at Page 7

Please tick yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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

None

Please tick yes

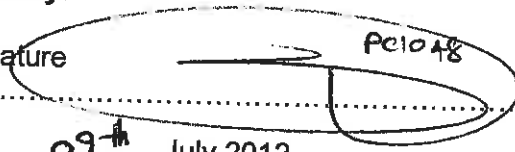
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature



Date 09th July 2012

Capacity Police Licensing Officer

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

PC 1048 Kevin Murphy
Northants Police Licensing Unit
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Telephone number (if any) 101 Ext 5706

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

Report in support of application.

Cocoon began trading as a late night town centre club in late 2010 and is currently licensed to sell alcohol until as late as 0500hrs on a Sunday morning with other non standard timings that allow additional hours on various special occasions and bank holiday weekends. In addition to this they have utilised the Temporary Event Notice system in order to extend their hours through to 0600hrs.

During the past 12 months there have been numerous incidents of crime and disorder, with a total of 24 crimes recorded as occurring within the premises. The nature of crimes reported to police include violence, criminal damage, theft and also burglary of the premises itself. Rather than simply present a list of crimes, this report will seek to provide detail around the wider concerns in respect of how the club is managed and evidence failings relating to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Northants Police main point of contact with the club owners has been PS Ian Fletcher, who has worked closely with the club in an attempt to improve working practises and prevent the occurrence of crime and disorder. PS Fletcher provides details of interaction, intervention and warnings relating to the premises. (copy statement and letters attached).

Incidents, Interventions and Warnings are as follows;

On Sat 07th May 2011 PS Fletcher visited the premises in response to a reported breach of a licensing condition around the use of glass drinking vessels on the second floor. It was ascertained that glass drinking vessels were being used on the second level and as such PS Fletcher spoke with Gabriel Ribeiro, brother of the operator, Jose Ribeiro, who claimed to be unaware of the condition. The matter was rectified on the night and a formal warning given.

On the 17th June 2011 at 2130hrs APS 1135 Dungey visited the club to find two private parties in progress, one of which was for a 16th birthday. At this time there were around 250 persons on the premises with the majority being there for the 16th party. APS Dungey noted that there was only one door supervisor on duty at this time and made Gabriel Ribeiro aware that there should have been at least four in line with the numbers present and the licence conditions. Gabriel stated that as the parties were private the ratio of door staff to customers did not apply. APS Dungey left the club but returned later the same day at around 2300hrs in company with the local authority enforcement officer, Paul Baker, who explained to Gabriel that the licence conditions were still in force. APS Dungey reports that Gabriel seemed oblivious to the conditions on the licence and could not name the Designated Premises Supervisor who at that time was a Simon Sparrow.

PS Fletcher met with both Jose and Gabriel Ribeiro on the 19th June 2011 in order to discuss the lack of door staff provided for the parties on the 17th June and again gave a verbal warning around the breach of licence conditions. This warning was formalised by way of a letter sent by PS Fletcher on 22nd June 2011. (copy attached).

On 22nd December 2011 PC 612 Beal visited the premises in company with a Fire officer and a member of the KBC Environmental Health team. As a result concerns were raised around the capacity limits for the premises. Northants Fire Service may be able to provide more information around this matter at any subsequent hearing.

On Friday 06th April 2012 a Wet 'T' shirt competition was held at the premises which resulted in complaints being made to police that young persons were not only using the club on the night but were involved in the competition. Photographic evidence and further enquiries subsequently revealed that several young persons were present at the club that night and some of the images lifted from 'Facebook' would suggest that they were drinking 'shots' of alcohol. It transpired that the winner of the Wet 'T' Shirt competition was a 16 year old girl.

On Monday 09th April 2012 the club had extended their hours by way of a Temporary Event Notice to allow trading until 0600hrs in the morning. Police Inspector Peter Chisholm reports that at around 0500hrs customers exiting the premises became involved in 'running battles' in Silver St, where a subsequent six arrests were made for offences of Affray. Other persons from the club had to be physically escorted away from the town centre and some were even taken home by officers due to high levels of intoxication leading to concerns for their wellbeing. Some discussion took place between Inspector Chisholm and a 'manager' from the premises around closing times, whereupon the threat of an enforced (Section 161) closure had to be made before an agreement to close before 0600hrs was reached. Inspector Chisholm provides more detail around policing issues on the night and his wider concerns. (Statement attached).

On 14th April 2012 PC 657 Cullum was working an Operation Nightsafe duty at Kettering and during the course of his duty chose to stand at the door of Cocoon in order to monitor the age and sobriety of patrons being allowed to enter the premises. PC Cullum later reports concerns around a disparity in working practises between two members of door-staff. It appeared that whilst one member of staff was carrying out his duties in a very professional manner he was working at odds with the other who was 'over-ruling' him and obviously prepared to let in persons that should have been refused entry. There is some concern that working practises in respect of door supervision are being undermined by the fact that both in-house and external door staff are sharing duties at the club. (Copy report attached).

On 17th April 2012 a Temporary Event Notice submitted by Mr Michael Giacobbe (current Designated Premises Supervisor) was received by police. As a result of concerns around crime and disorder stemming from the large scale disorder witnessed on 09th April, a formal objection notice was served by Northants Police (copy attached), resulting in the notice being withdrawn.

At 1400hrs on 20th April 2012 Jose Ribeiro attended Irthlingborough police post and met with both PS Fletcher and PC Murphy. During the course of this meeting Mr Ribeiro accepted some of the failings and agreed to professionalise the standard of his front of house security and also to submit a minor variation application to introduce an additional condition of no under 18's allowed on the premises excepting under 18's events. To date there has been no submission in this respect. Mr Ribeiro accepted that this would be a final warning and this was documented by way of a letter from PS Fletcher dated 23rd April 2012 (copy attached).

Incident / Intervention detail since final warning given on 20th April 2012

On 06th May 2012 PS 225 Briggs attended the premises in order to deal with several incidents involving intoxicated and violent persons. PS Briggs noted that although door staff appeared to be refusing entry to persons that were already overly intoxicated staff inside the club were allowing customers to become excessively drunk once inside. (copy statement attached).

On 10th May 2012 PS Mark Worthington met with Jose Ribeiro who stated that he felt police were targeting his premises. Discussion took place around further measures to prevent crime and disorder at the premises. PS Worthington expressed his disappointment that the venue had not been represented at recent local licensing workshops. (copy letter attached).

On 01st June 2012 at around 0320hrs a report was received by police via Borough CCTV control that 3 persons had been ejected from the premises following a fight inside and were now being abusive and aggressive towards door staff. Police officers subsequently attended and moved three males away from the town centre.

On 03rd June 2012 at around 0220hrs an incident occurred within the premises resulting in an allegation that a male customer was bitten on the arm by a member of the bar-staff. Detail here is restricted as the investigation is on-going.

On 10th Jun 2012 at around 0300hrs an incident occurred within the premises with a male subsequently complaining to police that he had been struck around the head with a bottle after intervening in a fight. An assault causing ABH injuries has been recorded, again this crime is still under investigation.

Summary

Northants Police have concerns that the operators of Cocoon are failing to properly promote the Licensing Objectives, with failings being evident in the following areas - Lack of a suitably qualified and experienced Designated Premises Supervisor. It appears that the previous three along with the incumbent DPS have been put in place as a measure of convenience as opposed to the provision of professional expertise and day to day control. The current DPS is a local restaurateur who is also specified as the DPS for his own premises. He does not appear to be present in the club at key times and over the weekend of 06th/07th July 2012, the Operation Nightsafe commander, Inspector Kevin Byrne, reports that the DPS was not present at any time on either the Friday or Saturday night. On several occasions the operators have been in breach of conditions on their licence and then claimed ignorance of those conditions. It is apparent and well documented that persons under the age of 18 years have been allowed entry to the club and access to alcohol. There appears to be conflict between door-staff and as reported by Inspector Chisholm, an attitude of 'once the problem is outside it's no longer ours'. As shown within this report, the police licensing team, in particular PS Ian Fletcher, have made every attempt to assist and advise the operators to no avail. We are now at a point where we see continuing high levels of crimes and incidents in and around the club and as advice and warnings seem to have little or no effect, feel a review of this licence is necessary..

In view of the incidents and concerns documented in this report, Northants Police would like to see the following action taken;

- 1. Removal of the current Designated Premises Supervisor.**
- 2. Any new DPS to have achieved a recognised qualification in the management of Licensed Premises, such as the 'National Certificate for Designated Premises Supervisor' or an equivalent.**
- 3. Modification (reduction) of the hours that all licensable activities can take place.**
- 4. A condition of 'No under 18's on the premises excepting recognised under 18's events with no under 18's nights to take place on a Friday or Saturday'**
- 5. Consideration towards the suspension of the Premises Licence pending the appointment of a suitably qualified DPS.**

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9, Magistrates Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

URN Statement of: Ian FletcherAge if under 18: Over 21 (if over 18 type 'over 18') Occupation: Police Sergeant

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  PSURXDate: 22/6/12Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Police Sergeant based at Irthlingborough and am a fully qualified Police Licensing Officer. Between January 2009 and may 2012 I was employed as a Police Licensing Sergeant covering towns in the north of the county, one such town being Kettering.

At 23.25hrs, Saturday 7th May 2011, acting on information received, I carried out a licensing visit at Cocoon Nightclub, 64-70 Gold Street, Kettering where I met a gentleman who I now know to be Gabriel Ribeiro, brother of the premises operator Jose Rebeiro.

During the visit, I ascertained that glass drinking vessels (bottles) were being served on the second level of the premises in breach of the premises licence. I requested that the practice cease immediately and that all glass bottles be decanted into plastic vessels. Mr Ribeiro stated that he was unaware of any such condition on the premises licence to which I produced a copy of the licence and brought the relevant section to his attention.

I formally warned Gabriel Ribeiro for a breach of the premises licence.

The following day, I received a telephone call from Mr. Jose Ribeiro, apologising for the oversight and explaining that the problem had now been rectified.

I re-inspected the premises Saturday 13th May 2011 and found that all glass had been removed from level two of the premises.

At 19.00hrs Tuesday 21st June 2011, following a Pubwatch Meeting at Cocoon Nightclub, I met with Gabriel and Jose Ribeiro and detailed my concerns regarding a lack of door staff at a private event at the premises on the 17th June 2011, a breach of premises licence. Jose Ribeiro stated that he didn't know that door staff were required for private events and a further warning was issued.

On 22nd June 2011, I wrote to Jose Ribeiro detailing the two breaches of premises licence, informing him that no further action would be taken regarding these breaches but any further breaches would result in a prosecution or review.

On Wednesday 11th April 2012 I received information that a Miss Wet T Shirt Competition had been held at Cocoon Nightclub on the evening of Friday 6th April 2012 and that a 16 year old girl had won the competition. A Facebook Account confirmed that the winner was indeed a 16 year old girl from Burton Latimer and further under age persons were identified from the photographs, some of whom appeared to be consuming "shots" although this cannot be proved. A large scale disorder attributed in part to persons leaving Cocoon Nightclub "extremely intoxicated" at 05.00hrs Monday 9th April 2012 was also brought to my attention by Police Inspector Peter Chisholm as was evidence from a police constable that "drunken persons" were being allowed access to the premises on Saturday 14th April 2012.

At 14.00hrs Friday 20th April 2012 I met with Mr. Jose Ribeiro at Irthlingborough Police Station. At this meeting, Mr. Ribeiro accepted the concerns regarding The Miss Wet T Shirt Competition and stated that the issues arose due to a failure of his front of house staff to identify and

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Continuation of statement of: Jan Fletcher

exclude persons under the age of 18 from the premises.

Mr Ribeiro also accepted that a "conflict in standards" between 2 members of door staff had resulted in drunken persons getting in and that the person concerned would not be employed at the premises again.

Mr Ribeiro did not accept that the disorder of Monday 9th April 2012 was directly linked to the premises.

Mr Ribeiro agreed to professionalise the standard of front of house security and agreed to submit a voluntary on the premises licence by way of minor variation to exclude access to under 18's from the premises, unless attending an under 18's only event.

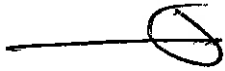
Mr Ribeiro accepted a final warning regarding issues at the premises and a letter to this effect was hand delivered to the premises by myself.



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FILE

From PS 1128 Ian Fletcher ABII
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22 June 2011

Jose Ribeiro
Cocoon Nightclub
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Jose,

Re. Breach of Premises Licence conditions

Further to our conversation on 21st June 2011 where we discussed an earlier concern around the control of glass drinking vessels and also the lack of door-staff during a private event on 17th June 2011. These matters are now finalised and no further action will be taken by Northants Police.

These matters together with a copy of this letter will be held on file and any further breaches may result in action being taken by way of prosecution or review of the Premises Licence.

Yours sincerely.

Ian Fletcher
PS 1128
Licensing Supervisor

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r.27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9, Magistrates Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

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Statement of: Peter Donald CHISHOLM

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 type 'over 18') Occupation: Police Inspector X0087

This statement (consisting of _____ page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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I am a Police Inspector in Northamptonshire Police. I have been an officer for 23 years. I have performed a number of roles including response officer, dog handler SCT Sergeant, Sector Commander, Control Room Inspector and now Duty Inspector Cadre. The role of the Duty Inspector Cadre is to manage risk. That is risk that is presented to the public, police officers other agencies and organisational risk. I sometimes perform this role as the only Cadre in the County or only covering the North side of the County. As the manager of risk I have at my disposal with the authority of the Chief Constable all officers that are on duty. This position therefore allows me to call on resources from all departments to assist me in the management and mitigation of risk. These risk issues could be high risk missing persons, serious crimes such as robbery, burglary, rapes, or suicide situations and public disorder. On the night of Sunday 8th April 2012 I was Duty Inspector Cadre for the whole County as it was a bank holiday Monday the following day, I was aware that the county would be quite busy. As well as normal staffing there was a Police Support Unit on duty which consists of 18 Constables 3 Sergeants and 1 Inspector. This was specifically deployed for Operation Thirsk which is an operation to combat illegal raves on land. Clearly to mount this sort of resource intelligence must have been available to suggest their might be a rave in the county. My officers were deployed conducting licensed premises checks across the county and conducting visible patrol. It is fair to say that there are two risky public order hotspots in the county they are Northampton and Kettering. Kettering for the size of the town has a disproportionate number of public order incidents simply because there are so many bars and clubs in a confined area that attract many people from nearby towns such as Wellingborough and Corby. As the night progressed I became aware that Kettering was particularly busy. I developed an initial working strategy of minimising the risk of public order incidents and violence offences with a positive police presence and maximising the use of powers such as section 27 dispersal orders. On that basis I retained the PSU on duty which was due to finish at 0100 until 0300, clearly this would have incurred some staffing costs. I drove through Silver Street in Kettering at about 0100 hours on the Morning of 9th April 2012. After speaking with officers it became apparent that we had about 1000 people in licensed premises and well over 300 on the street spilling out of various bars. At that stage the atmosphere was relaxed and friendly. At around 0500 hours I returned to Silver Street as I was aware that the 4 or 5 officers there were asking for more support as those leaving the clubs were becoming involved in sporadic fights and scuffles. By this time I had stood down the PSU as up to 0300 things had been relatively good natured. However in my professional opinion those clubbers who continued to drink beyond 0300 consumed far much alcohol for too longer period. There were some members of the public dispersing quietly but there were a large numbers of various groups intent on fighting with each other. By now every other pub and club in Silver Street was shut. I went out on foot and saw the staff In Bar Sun tidying up and mopping floors. By now ALL the

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people coming onto Silver Street were coming from only one premises and that was Cocoon. A group of about 10 males and 5 females made their way up Silver Street only to stop near to Ebenezer Place. Then another group of a similar number came out of Cocoon and there was a great deal of shouting between the two groups. This descended into running battles and fighting in the street. I asked the control room for more officers and more came from Corby. More people came out of Cocoon and either stood by and watched or joined in the fighting. Officers were making arrests with each arrest taking more than 1 officer because the offender was drunk and offering resistance. Officers were pushed, some to the floor, shouted at screamed at mainly by friends of those being arrested and were obstructed as they tried to carry out their lawful duty of keeping the Queens Peace. I realised we needed more officers and vehicles to restore order and convey prisoners to Corby Custody. I became aware at one point that Corby Custody which has 15 cells became full so any further arrested prisoners had to go to Wellingborough. The knock on effect was that whilst order was slowly being restored and people arrested resources were leaving to take people away from the scene. I asked for more staff and two double crewed cars made their way with blue lights and siren from Northampton as well as a traffic car from Northampton. 6 arrests in total were made for Affray with a number of other individuals escorted off the town some so drunk they were taken home. I knew by now that I could not strip all of the counties resources simply to police Cocoon so I asked a door supervisor to ask the manager to come and speak to me. I told the door supervisor that I was going to use my Inspectors Authority to close the premises early. The manager found me in the street amongst the melee and did no more that wave his licence until 6am at me. I told him that we simply had run out of staff to police his premises for any continuing period and that we were on the verge of running out of cell capacity across the county. This would mean any further arrests would mean a trip out of county to another force area to lodge a prisoner. I asked him to close the club now, it was about 0520 he again told me he had an 0600 licence and I explained that he either cooperated with me or I would use the lawful powers available to me. He agreed to close. Within 20 minutes about another 70-80 people left the club many rowdy and visibly drunk however none of them were becoming involved in fights which was my primary concern. By about 0630 hours Silver Street was pretty much clear of people. I sat in my car with time to reflect on the events. I thought about why anyone would want or need to stay at a club drinking until 6 in the morning. I thought about the detriment caused to the wider community the noise the shouting and the fighting associated with those people leaving Cocoon. I was also concerned that whilst Northamptonshire Police had heavily invested in maintaining disorder reduction at Cocoon we had not been able to patrol housing or industrial estates looking for burglars and other criminals at large. I was aware that a burglary had come in but we had not been able to attend because of all the disorder in Silver Street. I was concerned that the door supervisors whilst very much looking the part with black suit and SIA badge never once intervened on anything occurring in the street even right next to them. Even their posture was permanently looking inward to Cocoons doorway. I was also concerned about how many young people were so completely drunk they could hardly stand as a father I was particularly worried about young females almost unconscious being virtually carried away from the premises. In summary I have to ask these questions. Why does any community benefit from such long opening hours? Only those few revellers benefitted the rest of Kettering did not and would probably be astonished by the level of violence and disorder in their town, I certainly was. I have to ask what is the strategic aim of Cocoon? Is it to get people as drunk as possible and make as much money as possible to the detriment of the community? Are they aware that on this night that this club was responsible from 0500 for all those that left blind drunk some of who went on to fight and injure innocent victims? Cocoon is not responsible for the policing of Silver Street that is my role however in my opinion the management and staff showed no regard for the social impact of such long drinking hours and continuing to serve people who surely must have had enough to drink hours

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Continuation of statement of: Peter Donald CHISHOLM

previously. For me this was substantiated by the DPS waving the licence to 6 in my face, he didn't want to close even 30 minutes early, that can only be about making money to the detriment of all else. An outcome I would like to see is closure of all these premises in Kettering by 0300 surely that is enough drinking time for anyone and surely that would help restore the image of this country market town. My professional opinion is Cocoon presents a risk to the community of Kettering due to poor management. That risk is present in the form of disorder and violence. It may surprise the panel to know that our beautiful county of Northamptonshire is currently ranked 39 out of 43 forces for violence incidents. Premises such as Cocoon and its poor management only help create more victims.

Signature: _____ Signature witnessed by: _____

From: Cullum Jason
Sent: 15 April 2012 06:43
To: Fletcher Ian
Cc: Sturman Pauline
Subject: Cocoon

Sgt,

I have been on night safe in Kettering tonight and would like to make you aware of issues at Cocoon, Silver street, Kettering.

Myself and PS225 BRIGGS stood outside the establishment for at least 2 hours and to their credit (or because we were there) they I.D'd everyone.

However it soon became obvious of a problem between 2 members of staff. The taller member of staff was pro active and was stopping drunk members of public from entering the premises and was attempting to stop "VIP's" from jumping the queues. He also detained an offender within the club and brought him out to officers rather than throw him out the door- I thought he was very professional. The shorter door staff member was on occasions over ruling him, told a drunk male that he could go in although the other door member stood his ground and refused him entry. This continued for most of the time that I was there and the shorter member of staff continued to let friends in much to the displeasure of the other door staff member. There appeared to be a conflict between the 2 staff members and in one incident could have caused a fight when a male was told he could go in then the other door staff member said he could not.

I went to get the details after watching this but all hell broke loose with several incidents and arrests in quick concession, hence the tall guy small guy explanation and I apologise for this. I know the smaller guy has been on the doors ever since I have been in the police and can get them at a later date if required.

Hope your well,

Regards

Jason

From PC 1048 Kevin Murphy ABI
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18 April 2012

Michaele Giacobbe
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Objection Notice - Temporary Event 07th May 2012, Cocoon, 64-70 Gold St Kettering

I am in receipt of a copy of a TEN submitted by Michaele GIACOBBE, the document being received in this office on 17th April 2012. The notification details an intention to extend the hours for licensable activity at the premises of 'Cocoon' until 0600hrs on Monday 07th May 2012.

Northants Police believe that allowing the premises to extend their hours into the forthcoming Bank Holiday Monday would undermine the Crime prevention licensing objective.

Evidence is documented and can be presented around serious disorder that occurred in and around the premises on Monday 09th April 2012. Inspector Chisholm reports large scale disorder associated with the emptying of the premises at around 0500hrs which necessitated the attendance of county-wide police resources and resulted in six arrests being made for public order offences.

Kevin Murphy
PC 1048, Licensing Officer



From PS1128 I Fletcher

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Mr. Jose Ribeiro
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Ref: IF/CB1

23rd April 2012

Dear Mr. Ribeiro

CONCERNS OF DISORDER, UNDER-AGE PERSONS AND DOOR STAFF ISSUES

Further to our meeting dated Friday 20th April 2012, I wish to confirm in writing that we discussed:

A Wet T-Shirt event held at the venue, on Friday 6th April 2012. It having been established that a number of under age persons attended the event including a 16 year old girl who went on to win the event.

A large scale disorder which occurred in Silver Street at 05:00hrs Monday 9th April 2012, it having been established that highly intoxicated customers from Cocoon (and other nearby bars) had been involved.

Inconsistent behaviour from Door Supervisors on Saturday 14th April 2012 where it is alleged that one particular Door Supervisor allowed persons who were drunk to enter the premises.

I thank you for the solutions that you offered up regarding the above issues and will work with you to secure improvements in the above areas.

I must point out however, that a failure to address these issues would leave me no option but to call for a review of The Premises Licence.

Yours sincerely

**IAN FLETCHER
Police Sergeant 1128 (licensing Sergeant)**

RESTRICTED (when complete)**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A (3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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Statement of: PS 225 Stephen BRIGGS

Age if under 18 : Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation : Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 04-07-12

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am PS 225 BRIGGS of the Northamptonshire Police currently serving as supervisor on Initial Response Team 2 based at Corby Police Station, operating under call sign J225. On 06-May-2012 I was working a 20.00 to 07.00, Night-safe shift covering Kettering Leisure zone. During the period of this duty I was aware of and attended several incidents outside and inside Cocoon nightclub 2 Silver Street Kettering to deal with intoxicated and violent persons. At approximately 03.00 hrs I spoke with the Designated premises Supervisor highlighting our concerns of the highly intoxicated persons that were exiting Cocoon and causing issues on the street. I informed him that his door staff were doing an excellent job of filtering out intoxicating persons entering the establishment however we had serious concerns that individuals entering the club were not being monitored to the level of consumption and intoxication when admitted. I warned him that if we had any further occurrences that serious consideration would be given in consultation with the Duty Inspector to close the premises down. This warning was fully taken onboard and accepted which I identified as full cooperation.

Signature :

Signature witnessed by :



From **PS 1056 Mark WORTHINGTON**
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07 June 2012

**Jose Ribeiro
Managing Director
COCOON BAR
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Dear Jose

Notes of Meeting 10th May 2012

The meeting was called at your request. You informed me that you felt that your venue was being targeted by police re violence etc. I informed you that your venue was under the microscope due to a number of incidents recently.

I advised you that all staff should be trained in relation to selling to drunks/underage/conflict management and have auditable training records re what was delivered, to whom and when.

I also advised you regarding doorstaff, especially inside, to be robust in identifying and dealing with intoxicated persons.

I asked if you had any incident logs etc and you stated you did not. I advised you that it was best practice to have incident log and refusals register re refused sales/ejections/entry and provided you with a Northampton Pubwatch register to assist.

We spoke about the incidents at the weekend (5th/6th May) and that staff need to be vigilant re people getting drunk inside the venue and ensure they are ejected at earliest time.



I also questioned and indicated my disappointment to you as to why no one from your venue attended the free licensing workshops 25th April (despite repeated contact with staff by Police and KBC licensing officers) which would have addressed a number of key issues, you claimed you were unaware of the event.

We discussed the necessity to work in partnership to ensure that your venue did not present issues associated with Crime & Disorder and that it was your responsibility to ensure the licensing objectives were upheld.

Yours sincerely

Mark WORTHINGTON PS 1056

cc Licensing file Cocoon