

Sussex Police  
Brighton & Hove Division  
Licensing Team  
Police Station  
John Street  
Brighton  
East Sussex Police BN2 0LA

**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 **both serious crime and serious disorder**<sup>1</sup>.

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

**Monarch,  
46-50 Kings Road,  
Brighton,  
BN1 1NA**

Premises licence number (if known): **1445/3/2021/04304/LAPRET**

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Andrew John Cheesman

I am a **Superintendent**<sup>3</sup> in the **Sussex** 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>:

**Immediate action is required to prevent further serious crime and incidents where harm or injury may be caused to the public.**

**The seriousness of the incident on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 and the evidence of serious crime within the premises as described within the Summary Licence Review document, show there are systemic issues relating to Monarch and its management. It also means there is potential for further serious disorder and associated crime to occur and only the interim steps taken within an expedited review will ensure immediate action is taken to ensure the safety of the public.**

**On considering alternative enforcement action, a closure order was not felt to be suitable due to the nature of the ongoing issues at Monarch. A short term**

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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.

**closure of this nature will not be able to make any significant change to the daily running of the premises. We feel it is more appropriate that any closure of this premises is handled by a specialised Licensing committee. This is because they will have awareness and experience of specific local policies and considerations relating to licensed premises. They also have the ability to look at long term solutions to protect our communities and uphold the Licensing Objectives. The powers under Section 53A-C of the Licensing Act 2003 offer a variety of options including a period of closure and the ability to amend the licence and the conditions attached to it.**

**It is not felt that a standard licence review would address the problem in a timely manner. The risk remains outstanding and it is believed that only by closing the premises will this risk be removed and concerns addressed. A period of suspension will immediately break the cycle and close the premises to the type of clientele and staff members who attend Monarch. Additionally, Sussex Police do not believe the removal of the Designated Premises Supervisor alone will have any impact as the issues of intoxication, violence and drug use are endemic in Monarch. We have no confidence in the management to resolve the serious issues at the premises.**

**Without confident and robust management, we do not believe that there is anything further that can be added to the licence in the way of conditions to manage the risk at this premises if it continues to remain open with its current set-up. We believe the only way to mitigate the current issues which include poor management and various incidents of violence/disorder is via an expedited review. This will ensure swift action and remove the immediate risk that Monarch poses.**

**By submitting this expedited review, it will give the licensing authority the ability to impose immediate safeguarding until a full licence review can be heard within the required 28 days. Assistance from the Police can also be sought by the licensing authority if required, who can offer advice and recommendations.**

**Sussex Police contend that a suspension of the Premises Licence is both necessary and proportionate and request that the Licensing Committee seriously consider taking this course of action as an interim step. Sussex Police will make submissions to request a longer period of suspension, various new conditions at the full hearing and reserve the right to serve additional details in due course.**

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(Signed)

25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.....

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