

Sussex Police
Brighton & Hove Division
Licensing Team
Police Station
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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 **serious crime and serious disorder**.

Premises:

**Kings Arms
56 George Street
Brighton
East Sussex
BN2 1RJ**

Premises licence number (if known): **1445/3/2019/06280/LAPRET**

Name of premises supervisor (if known): **Gary Richard WILSON**

I am a Superintendent 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:

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

The seriousness of the disorder on Friday 25th September 2026 which resulted in several arrests,

[REDACTED] show there are systemic issues relating to the Kings Arms and its managements lack of culpability to ensure the premises is a safe environment for both customers and their employees. It also means there is potential for further disorder to occur and only the interim steps taken within an expedited review will ensure immediate action is taken to protect the safety of the public. Sussex Police are currently requesting a suspension of the premises licence.

On considering alternative enforcement action, closures order powers were not deemed necessary as the management took the decision to voluntarily close over the weekend. An application to review the premises licence under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 was considered but would result in the premises being able to open and trade during this process. The serious nature of the disorder and risk attached to this venue mean this is not an appropriate course of action at this time.

[REDACTED] high intoxication levels are likely to have been a major contributing factor of the incident on the night of Friday 25th September 2026 and will remain an issue if the premises continues to open. Additionally, with concerns over the management of the venue, there is the possibility of similar incidents occurring, putting the public at further risk of harm.

By submitting this expedited review, it will give the licensing authority, with assistance if asked to do so, by Police, offering advice and recommendations, to impose safeguarding until a full licence review can be heard within the required 28 days.

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 the revocation of the premises licence at the full hearing and reserve the right to serve additional details in due course.

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Superintendent James Collen CC576
Date: 28th September 2026