

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

**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. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I APS894 Andrew Thorpe

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

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| Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description THE EMPIRE CORPORATION ROAD | |
| Post town MIDDLESBROUGH | Post code (if known) TS1 2RT |
| Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) | |
| Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) MBRO/PR0139/019085 | |

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

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| Name and address Andrew Thorpe Licensing Officer Cleveland Police Middlesbrough Police Station Bridge Street West Middlesbrough TS21AB |
| Telephone number (if any) 01642 302360 |
| E-mail address (optional) Andrew.thorpe@cleveland.pnn.police.uk |

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

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| | Please tick one or more boxes ✓ |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | X |
| 2) public safety | X |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | X |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | X |

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

The Empire is a very busy nightclub on Corporation Road, Middlesbrough in the hub of Middlesbrough's Night Time Economy. It has been a popular late night venue for a good few years and can operate until 4am every day.

Recently there has been intelligence suggesting that, since re-opening after the relaxing of restrictions due to the COVID pandemic, there has been a steady increase in underage drinkers in the venue. The venue has been spoken to on a number of occasions by both police licensing and council representatives regarding the issue, with the promise on each occasion that the matters would be addressed.

Unfortunately in the early hours of Sunday morning 1st May 2022, leading on from a busy Saturday night, there was a serious assault at the venue. A 19 year old male suffered injuries due to puncture to his back leading to him being taken to hospital where he is stable but still poorly.

What has exacerbated this incident is the fact that three individuals arrested as a result of the incident were juvenile males who were all in the premise at the time of the incident.

On review there have been other incidents in the past month involving underage drinkers at the venue. A report on 3rd April 2022 from an anonymous but concerned mother stating her two juvenile children had gained access to and were drinking in the venue.

There was another incident on 4th April 2022 where juvenile male had unbeknown to his parents gone in to the Empire and had got in to an altercation with another male and was hit in the face causing injury to the male.

The venue has been spoken to about the allegations of underage drinkers getting in to the venue and the door staff not examining ID thoroughly, but from this latest incident it does not appear that the lessons have been learned and that the issue has now escalated to a very serious level. The premise has a very clear and concise condition in their premise licence regarding underage patrons.

This along with other violent incidents which have occurred in and around the venue in the past few months have unfortunately forced Cleveland Police's hand to take more affirmative action and ask for a review of the premises licence due to the serious concerns not only for Crime and Disorder, but also clearly The Protection of Children from Harm, Public Safety and Prevention of Public Nuisance.

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

Additional evidence will be supplied in due course

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

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

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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, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

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 A Thorpe

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Date 05/05/2022

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Capacity Licensing Officer

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| Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6) APS Andrew Thorpe Licensing Officer Middlesbrough Police Station Bridge Street West Middlesbrough TS21AB | |
| Post town Middlesbrough | Post Code TS21AB |
| Telephone number (if any) 01642 302360 | |
| If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) Andrew.thorpe@cleveland.pnn.police.uk | |

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.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant’s agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.

6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.