

Bedfordshire Police
Luton Police Station
Buxton Road
Luton LU1 1SD

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 / serious disorder / both serious crime and serious disorder¹.

*Premises*²:

The Railway Steamer
142 Clifton Road
Shefford
Bedfordshire
SG17 5AH

Premises licence number (if known):

Name of premises supervisor (if known):

I am a Superintendent³ in the Bedfordshire 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, because⁴:

The intelligence surrounding the location and result of the warrant conducted on 14/07/2017 all indicate an involvement of multiple people living or working at the location being involved in the supply of class A drugs on the premise. Further suspects may well be identified beyond the three already arrested and released under investigation, when all evidence obtained during the warrant is examined. The supply of controlled drugs is a serious crime.

A standard review process is not appropriate as it will allow the premise to

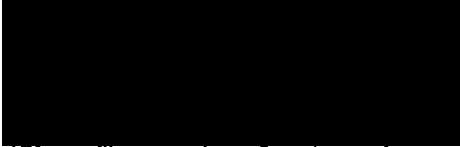
¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

³ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁴ 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.

remain open, and allow this serious criminal activity to continue.

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(Signed)

Sept 16.

(Date)

07/17/17

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

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

Central Bedfordshire Council Licensing Department

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

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 the 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.**

I /Sergeant Liam Mitchell [on behalf of] the chief officer of police for the Bedfordshire police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:

**The Railway Steamer
142 Clifton Road
Shefford
Bedfordshire**

Post town: Shefford

Post code (if known): **SG17 5AH**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known):

Number of premises licence holder (if known):

3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 [Please read guidance note 1]:

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for

the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm)

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

At 19:00 hrs on Friday 14th July 2017, Bedfordshire Police executed a S8 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 search warrant at THE RAILWAY STEAMER.


The warrant was granted by magistrates to search for class A controlled drugs, namely cocaine and heroin, items associated with the measuring and distribution of such drugs, and stolen property.

This was due to Bedfordshire Police being in possession of multiple pieces of intelligence indicating that staff at THE RAILWAY STEAMER were involved in distributing these drugs from the premise, open drug taking on the premise, as well as the handling of stolen goods there.

The execution of the warrant resulted in the seizure of multiple small bags of suspected class A drugs and cannabis, several thousands of pounds in cash, documentary evidence, mobile phones, and jewellery. These items were recovered from private staff areas and private accommodation upstairs.

Three people believed to be either living or working at the location were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A controlled drugs. At the time of writing all three have been released under investigation.

The stated evidence discovered during the execution of this warrant is consistent with the supply of class A controlled drugs taking place at the premise, and as such represents an association of the premise with this serious crime.

Signature of applicant: 

Date: 17/07/2017

Capacity: Licensing Sergeant Bedfordshire Police

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

**Address: Licensing Office Luton, Bedfordshire Police HQ, Woburn Road,
Kempston, MK43 9AX**

Telephone number(s): [REDACTED]

Email: LicensingCentral@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Notes for guidance:

1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:

- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.

Serious disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.