



# Licensing Sub-Committee

## Committee

Wed 7 Nov  
2018  
10.00 am

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
Redditch

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## **COMMITTEE PROTOCOL – LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Each application that comes before this Sub-Committee will be treated on its own merits. This licensing authority will make its decision based on the merits of the application and the promotion of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public safety;
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm,

and will also have regard to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Redditch Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy.

Members of the Sub-Committee will meet prior to the hearing to note matters to be presented, assisted by the legal and administrative support Officers only. The actual application will not be discussed.

### **LICENSING HEARING PROCEDURE**

#### **The Hearing**

1. The Chair will open the meeting, outlining the nature of the decision to be taken, and will identify the members of the Sub-Committee and Council Officers present.
2. The Chair will then ask all parties present for that agenda item to introduce themselves.
3. The Chair will give a brief outline of the procedure to be followed at the hearing.
4. The Licensing Officer will present the report, outlining any relevant representations and relevancies to the Redditch Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy and Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
5. The Licensing Officer may be questioned by members of the Sub-Committee and, if given permission by the Sub-Committee, the other parties present.

(Similar rights of questioning will apply, with the Sub-Committee's permission, in relation to paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 below.)

6. The Applicant / Licence Holder and / or his / her representative will speak in support of the application.
7. The Applicant / Licence Holder and / or his / her representative may be questioned by members of the Sub-Committee.
8. Any witnesses called, with due notice, by the applicant will, with the permission of the Sub-Committee, then make representations to the Sub-Committee.

(Similar rights will apply in relation to witnesses called by other parties.)

9. The witnesses may be questioned by members of the Sub-Committee.

10. Any person who has given notice that they wish to make representations to the Sub-Committee will be invited to do so, having stated the nature of his / her interest in the matter.
  - (a) In the case of any person who has made representations but fails to attend, the hearing will normally proceed, taking into consideration the written representations, but ensuring appropriate weight is given to the representations.
  - (b) No person wishing to make representations may raise any ground or objection at the hearing not previously referred to in the written submission, unless all parties give their consent to this.
11. Once a person making representations has concluded their case, he / she may be questioned by the members of the Sub-Committee Committee.
12. The Licensing Officer will be invited to make a closing statement.
13. Any persons who have made representations will be invited to sum up.
14. The Applicant / Licence Holder and / or his / her representative will be invited to sum up.
15. The Chair will ask the Legal Advisor if there is any legal advice to be given
16. At the conclusion of the hearing members of the Sub-Committee, the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer will withdraw from the meeting room so that the Sub-Committee can reach its decision in private.
17. The Sub-Committee may return to the meeting room to seek clarification on any point. The Sub-Committee, Legal Advisor and Democratic Services Officer will then withdraw again.
18. The Chair may depart from the above procedure if he / she considers it is in the interests of natural justice to do so, either of his / her own volition or upon application by any party. Before doing so he / she shall invite the views of the parties present and consider any representations that may be made.

## **Decision**

19. The Sub-Committee's decision will not be announced on the day of the hearing but rather it will be sent to the Applicant and all those parties who made representations within 5 working days.

## **Notes**

1. *Any changes in Sub-Committee membership will be given at the beginning of the meeting.*
2. *Each party will be limited to a maximum time of ten minutes in which to make representations to the Sub-Committee. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. If an extension is agreed, all parties are to be allowed the same time to make representations. Where appropriate, if several parties wish to make the same representation, a spokesperson may, by consent, be appointed, in which case the spokesperson is to be allowed the same period of time as other*

*representatives. If a spokesperson is not appointed, the amount of time must be shared between the persons wishing to make the same representation.*

3. *Any person wishing to make representations and Applicants / Licence Holders can be represented by a legal representative (at their own expense) or by a Councillor.*
4. *Late representations and evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties present.*
5. *Parties to the hearing will not normally be entitled to cross-examine any other party unless given permission by the Sub-Committee to do so.*
6. *The Sub-Committee may require any person attending the hearing, who in its opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner, to leave the hearing and may:*
  - *refuse to permit that person to return; or*
  - *permit that person to return only on such conditions as the Sub-Committee specify,*

*but such person may, before the end of the hearing, submit in writing any such information which they would have given orally had they not been required to leave.*
7. *Decisions will generally be taken regardless of whether the applicant is present.*
8. *In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, the Sub-Committee will make its decision within 5 working days beginning with the day or the last day on which the hearing was held, and will inform the applicant as soon as is practicable thereafter of its decision.*
9. *Applicants have a right to appeal, details of which can be obtained via the Licensing Officer.*
10. *It is not the general policy of the Council to enter into discussions or correspondence on matters relating to the hearing or any decision made at the hearing.*
11. *Any irregularity resulting from any failure to comply with any provision of the relevant Regulations before the Sub-Committee has made a determination shall not of itself render the proceedings void. In the case of such irregularity, the Sub-Committee shall, if it considers that any person may have been prejudiced as a result of such irregularity, take such steps as it thinks fit to cure the irregularity prior to determination.*
12. *Clerical errors in any document recording a determination of the Sub-Committee or errors arising in such document from accidental slip or omission may be corrected by the Sub-Committee.*
13. *Parties are not normally permitted to cross-examine or question other parties at Licensing Sub-Committee hearings except with the permission of the Sub-Committee. It is important that questions should not be hostile or seek to unfairly undermine the position of any party.*



# Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 7th November,  
2018

10.00 am

Council Chamber Town Hall

## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:

Julian Grubb  
Pattie Hill

Jennifer Wheeler  
Pat Witherspoon [Reserve]

### 1. Election of Chair

To elect a Councillor from the Sub-Committee to act as Chair for the meeting

### 2. Chair's Welcome

### 3. Apologies

### 4. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and / or Other Disclosable Interest they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.

### 5. Review of Premises Licence for Easemore Road Social Club (Pages 1 - 48)

### 6. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Borough Director, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

"That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act".

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the "public interest" test, information relating to:

- Para 1 – any individual;
- Para 2 – the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 – labour relations matters;
- Para 5 – legal professional privilege;

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- Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;  
and may need to be considered as 'exempt'.



## REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

7 NOVEMBER 2018

## LICENSING ACT 2003

## APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE

EASEMORE CLUB, 25 EASEMORE ROAD, REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE, B98 8ER

<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	
<b>Director:</b>	Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Dave Etheridge Senior Practitioner (Licensing) 01905 822799 enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Abbey
<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Review Application Appendix 2 – Existing Licence Appendix 3 – Representations from other persons.

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider and determine an application for review of the premises licence in respect of the premises below:

**Easemore Club  
25 Easemore Road  
Redditch  
Worcestershire  
B98 8ER**

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 An application has been received from Police Constable Andrew Freeman acting on behalf of the Chief Officer of West Mercia Police and applying for review of the premises licence in respect of:

Easemore Club  
25 Easemore Road  
Redditch  
Worcestershire  
B98 8ER

2.2 The application relates to the following licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance

2.3 The grounds for the review application are set out in the application form. A copy of the application form and supporting documents can be seen at **Appendix 1**.

2.4 It can be confirmed that the application has been advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and associated regulations and that the application has also been served on all responsible authorities.

2.5 The current premises licence is held by Mr Graham Alcott. Mr Alcott is also named on the premises licence as the designated premises supervisor. A copy of the current premises licence can be seen at **Appendix 2**.

## 3. REPRESENTATIONS

### Responsible Authorities

3.1 No representations have been received from any of the other responsible authorities in respect of the application.

### Other Persons

- 3.2 A total of five representations have been received from other persons regarding the review application.
- 3.3 The representations support the police application and raise various concerns about the way the premises has been operated by the licence holder Mr Alcott.
- 3.4 Copies of the representations received from other persons can be seen at **Appendix 3.**

## **4. LOCAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The Sub-Committee should have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4.2 The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is available to download from the Council's website or to request a hard copy, contact Worcestershire Regulatory Services on 01905 822799 or email [wrsenquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk](mailto:wrsenquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk)

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is obliged to determine this application with a view to the promotion of the licensing objectives which are:
- the prevention of crime and disorder;
  - public safety;
  - the prevention of public nuisance;
  - the protection of children from harm.
- 5.2 In making its decision, the Sub-Committee is also obliged to have regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 5.3 The Sub-Committee must also have regard to the applications, the representations that have been made and the evidence it hears during the hearing.

- 5.4 The Sub-Committee must take such of the following steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. The steps are:
- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence by altering, omitting or adding a new condition.
  - (b) to exclude a licensable activity from the scope of the licence
  - (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor
  - (d) to suspend the licence for a period not exceeding three months
  - (e) to revoke the licence
- 5.5 All parties to the hearing will be notified of the Sub-Committee's decision in writing within five working days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- 5.6 Any party aggrieved by a decision taken by the Sub-Committee may appeal against the decision to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of being notified of the decision in writing.
- 5.7 The hearing should be conducted in accordance with the agreed procedure.
- 6. FOR DECISION**
- 6.1 The Sub-Committee must consider and determine the application.

**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 Police Constable 214 Andrew Freeman of the West Mercia Police**

*(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**

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> Easemore Social Club 25 Easemore Road	
<b>Post town</b> Redditch	<b>Post code (if known)</b> B98 8ER
<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Graham Allcott	
<b>Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)</b> 15/01880/PREMLI	

**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

Other title Police Constable 214  
(for example, Rev)

**Surname**

Freeman

**First names**

Andrew

**I am 18 years old or over**

Please tick ✓ yes

✓

**Current postal address if different from premises address**

Redditch Police Station  
Grove Street

**Post town**

Redditch

**Post Code**

B98 8DD

**Daytime contact telephone number**

0300 333 3000 ext. 3737

**E-mail address (optional)**

andrew.freeman@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

**Name and address**  
N/A

**Telephone number (if any)**

**E-mail address (optional)**

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

Name and address  West Mercia Police Hindlip, Worcester WR3 8SP
Telephone number (if any) <b>0300 333 3000 EXT 3737</b>
E-mail address (optional) andrew.freeman@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
|   | Please tick one or more boxes ✓     |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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

From January 2018 there have been increased calls either about or requesting to attend the Easemore Social club. These calls are reporting issues that include general anti-social behaviour that ranges from loud noise, drunken behaviour, swearing, foul abusive language, domestic incidents, assaults and drug use.

In addition there have been reports of loud arguments at various time of the day through to the early hours of the morning, this is causing a disturbance to local residents who are not able to enjoy the rear gardens, having to leave windows and doors shut and generally feeling intimidated.

Added to these issues reports that on an almost daily basis the smell of cannabis can be detected from the club this includes the rear car park of the club.

The above issues have had a detrimental effect on the lives of the local residents due to the nuisance of the behaviour of the customers and the failure the manager to deal with these issues.

The number of calls to the club appear to be out of proportion to other licensed establishments within Redditch town centre.

Graham Allcott has been met on 2 occasions by Officers from West Mercia Police and Worcester Regulatory Services regarding the above reported problems but there has been no improvement in the issues being experienced by local resident and calls to the police.

A total of 44 incidents have been called into the Police either by members of the public or staff at the club.

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

Please see attached MG11/statement PC 214 Freeman that includes details of calls to West Mercia Police regarding the Easmore Social club and information received by the officer from members of the public regarding the club. This statement also includes the Officers own observations.

Diary sheets from local resident that provide details of issues experienced in respect of the Easmore Social Club.

Copy letter handed to Graham Allcott about the issues and the consequences in failing to deal with them.

Copy statement from PC Moore conforming having seen customers within club drinking and admitting to drinking before opening time.

Also confirming that Graham Allcott was using un-licensed door man responsible for an assault at the club.



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

Please tick ✓ yes  
No

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

N/A

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

.....

Date

31.05.2018

.....

Capacity

Police officer West Mercia.

.....

**Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application** (please read guidance note 6)

PC 214 Andy Freeman  
West Mercia Police  
Grove Street

**Post town**  
Redditch

**Post Code**  
B98 8DD

**Telephone number (if any)** 0300 333 3000 EXT. 3737

**If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)** Andrew.freeman@westmercia.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.

MG11

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

URN: 

Statement of: Andrew Freeman

Age if under 18: 018

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 11 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 may be required to attend court and that 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: 18th August 2018

I am police Constable 214 of the West Mercia Police stationed at Redditch and I am the Safer Neighbourhood Officer working with the Abbey Safer neighbourhood Team based in Redditch, this covers the town centre, Abbeydale, Enfield and Riverside areas of Redditch.

This statement is in relation to the Easemore Club that is located at 25 Easemore Road Redditch Worcestershire B98 8ER and the concerns regarding what appears to be a disproportionate number of complaints of noise, disorderly behaviour and of anti-social behaviour that is causing local residents distress, fear and that is affecting their quality of life.

I have looked at the premises licence number (15/01880/PRELI) and see that the opening hours of the premises are as follows:

Sunday: From 10:00 to 22:00  
 Monday to Thursday: From 09:00 to 23:30  
 Friday to Saturday: From 09:00 to 00:00

These issues that began to be reported to West Mercia police, starting from January 2018 I have examined West Mercia command and control system (OIS) to provide the following information.

**January 2018**

OIS 0678s 190118 (19:04 hours) report of drunk female refusing to leave the premises.

Police call handler could hear disturbance in background. Female had left club prior to police arrival.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: 

OIS 0635S 27/0118 (20:04 hours) report of 2 males fighting and one of these mentioned a gun, Police have attended no firearms drunk male making idle threats, altercation over a game of pool. Male escorted off the premises by police and dropped off at railway station.

OIS 0646S 300118 (19:24 hours) report of male being abusive and that he has thrown a chair through a double glazed window. Male has verbally abused bar staff member using foul abusive language. Police have attended male arrested for an unrelated matter during arrest male became violent towards officers

### February 2018

OIS 0695s 020218 report of a fight alleyway/behind Easemore club, Police have attended found a group at side of club who had been rowdy but none of this group willing to speak with officers.

### March 2018

OIS 0677S 020318 report of "everyone fighting", staff stating that they need police now large group of males fighting, police call handler could hear disturbance in background. Further update that persons fighting had left via rear of club, on police arrival no complaints and nobody willing to talk to police officers.

OIS 0569S 040318 (19:27 hours) I have been hit over the head by a male mid 20's-I feel a bit faint and sick. Caller stated did not know why he had been hit by this person but that he was still in the club sat at the bar smoking a fag. Police attended suspect had left but crime recorded for assault.

OIS 0519S 290318 (17:16 hours) about 20 minutes ago I passed a toddler running in road. This log relates to a young child found without parents running around and when asked where his mother was ran back to the Easemore Club. Caller states she spoke with male outside club who stated that the child's mother would kill him. Mother has exited from club said thank you to caller for finding child took child into club and shut door.

0678S 300318 (678S 300718) requesting Police assistance male is banned and is on pub watch but he's come in five times tonight, he's terrorising the staff we don't have security.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

2017

Freeman,Andrew (D div)/08/18

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: 

This person has threatened staff, would follow them home and rape them male person left before police arrival.

0097S 310318 (03:20 hours) staff call police stating think someone trying to break in, this turned out to be a drunken resident of flat above the club trying to gain entry after forgetting keys.

**April 2018**

OIS 0280S 020418 (13:04 hours) call from Graham Allcott report that a member of staff was working on her own there is a woman refusing to leave shouting and screaming and refusing to leave. Staff member is alone and is 19 years old, there is a female being abusive and people are leaving the club because of her, staff member very scared. Police attend and remove female from premises.

**MAY 2018**

OIS 0585S 040518 (17:11 hours) report of 2 persons causing trouble, threatening a male over being served first, police attend report verbal argument. Males left prior to police arrival.

OIS 0959S 140418 (23:47 hours) report of request from ambulance for assistance intoxicated male having a fit and turning violent.

OIS 0686S 040518 (18:46 hours) request from staff males causing a disturbance within club have head butted someone, both suspect and male leave scene before police arrival.

OIS 0912S 060518 (22:54 hours) request from staff regarding a car driving past numerous times slowing down by club, linked to issues within club. This relates to an assault that had taken place at club. Victim called and was awaiting police, however staff member at 00:50 hours has spoken with police saying she wanted to lock pub but female would not leave.

OIS 0546S 090518 (17:16) request from Graham Alcott regarding disturbance at club where the doorman had been assaulted by a group of males. From incident log other persons assaulted one male suspect armed with pool cue. Police attended one suspect arrested and currently second suspect awaiting to be dealt with.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

2017

Freeman, Andrew (D div)08/18

RESTRICTED (when complete)

Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: 

OIS 0014S 100518 (00:46 hours) request for assistance from ambulance regarding intoxicated male with mental health issues. Police have attended and assisted ambulance crew.

OIS 0341S 100518 (13:46 hours) call from member of public complaining regarding drug use, high level of noise and anti-social behaviour all times of the day. Also reporting the use of cannabis, caller stated that they had witnessed the other day a chair thrown from front of club into road.

OIS 0759S 100518 (21:53 hours) request from staff regarding two males who had been arguing in bar, one male had gone outside and they were trying to calm down the other male. Staff go on to state that require police urgently beginning to kick off. Police attended reporting all calmed down just drunk people.

OIS 0471S 140518 (16:00 hours) compliant from member of the public reporting 2-3 males smoking marijuana on car park of club.

OIS 0837S 110518 (21:07 hours) staff reporting a customer taking cocaine but refusing to leave and being abusive towards staff. Police attend but male has left bar staff not willing to make a complaint.

OIS 0553S 130518 (17:16) member of the public reporting the use of cannabis at social club.

OIS 0037S 190518 (00:49 hours) customer reporting that he is being threatened to be assaulted

OIS 0589S 280518 (18:53 hours) member of the public reporting groups of males outside club shouting, jeering causing ASB.

OIS 0031S 290518 (00:54 hours) report from staff that 2 persons are fighting, staff having difficulty with clients who would not leave, one male assaulted. Caller states no ambulance required, started to calm down but both males still at location. Police Officers attend speak with staff who state having issues with customers who would not leave, one male assaulted prior to police arrival but had left.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: **June 2018**

OIS 0703s 010618 (19:11 hours) complaint from member of public regarding drinking at front of premises, noise getting louder, use of marijuana, arguments, cheering. Caller states that they were asked by a child for a cigarette, lots of children amongst the group's of people.

OIS 0819S 060618 (21.11 HOURS) member of the public complaining about the smell of weed coming from the social club. Caller stated that he had worked with drug addicts in the past and recognised the smell.

OIS 0006s 060618 (00:11) Ambulance reporting female patient cutting her wrists in toilet at Easemore social club, information that this patient has been assaulted by member of bar staff, crime for assault submitted. Linked to log below.

OIS 0008S 060618 (00:16 hours) anon call complaining about noise from club believed there had been a fight at club. Police attend bar staff report female had to be physically removed, this customer had been verbal abusive. Linked to log above.

OIS 0778S 070618 21:17 hours) report from intoxicated male stating that he had been assaulted in club, staff spoken with who stated male had ben abusive towards other persons. Victim subsequently spoken with stated no assault that it was only a verbal argument as he was asked to leave club.

OIS 0588S 100618 (17:09) member of public complaining that customers where at the front, arguing, drinking and being loud causing ASB.

OIS 0021S 140618 (01:12 hours) member of the public reporting via 999 system that a male was attacking a female behind club. Caller states female was chased by male alongside of club into Easemore Road, female was shouting she wanted her stuff back. Police attend speak with female party stated she was on her own, no visible injuries, intoxicated confirmed there had been loads of people earlier did not disclose any offences.

Wed 13/06/2018 report via E mail from member of the public reporting prolonged ASB throughout ~~afternoon~~ into the evening, shouting jeering, minor arguments.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

2017

Freeman,Andrew (D div)/08/18

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: 

Report states there were 3 "nasty domestic" incidents that included shouting, screaming and swearing that included using the FUCK & CUNT word .In one of the domestic's a young baby was present.

01:10 hour's complainant woken up by a loud/ugly argument taking place in rear car park of club.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> & Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June as per above being reported, reporting seeing Graham Alcott sat outside with customers watching what was taking place.

OIS 0634S 240618 (18:53 hours) report from member of the public complaining of ASB at front of club, barbecue taking place a lot of shouting swearing. Use of cannabis being reported with young children present when all the above taking place.

OIS 0636S 240618 (19:01 hours) report from member of the public mass brawl at club, sounds like fighting, officers attend reporting about 50 persons present with shouting and arguing going on, persons begin to disperse with some other customers being escorted off the premises.

OIS 0713S 240618 (20:06 hours) another report of cannabis being used at club, same caller confirms they had called for a fight earlier on.

### July 2018

OIS 0049s 080718 (00:48 hours) call reporting an argument about who hit who, officers have attended but found club closed.

OIS 0021S 080718 (19:47 hours) report from staff reporting "everybody fighting", goes on to state stopped physically but still arguing, caller states one female hit. Officers attend find persons have gone with others still huddled in groups, no complaints.

OIS 0992S 160718 (22:30 hours) report of person being assaulted at club, crime submitted for assault.

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OIS 0202S 250718 (10:20 hours) another report of a person being assaulted in club, caller states my friend was assaulted on Sunday by her brothers girlfriend ringing on her behalf as she is deaf., crime submitted for assault.

### August 2018

OIS 0544S 150818 (16:33 hours) report of domestic outside social club on car park, lots of shouting. Police attend report no domestic but male upset over recent bereavement.

OIS 0797S 220818 (22:01 hours) report of load of males outside front of club, shouting, jeering, using foul language and noise getting worse.

OIS 0862S 220818 (23:47 hours) report from staff that a male had been assaulted staff were attempting to kick everyone out saw one male had blood on his face discovered that he had been assaulted. Police attended located and arrested suspect, subsequently discovered that male arrested was being employed at club as an unlicensed door man.

In addition I have been handed sets of diary sheets that have been completed by a local resident, these have been recorded in this manner to save time reporting direct to Police.

The one set of diary sheets records the incidents from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018, as will be seen these report ASB that is taking place from morning through too late at night and on a constant basis.

This ASB includes loud, rowdy behaviour, swearing, arguments that is taking place in front of Graham Alcott who is suspected to be drunk and not intervening.

The second set of diary sheets covers the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and again behaviour that is being reported include loud aggressive behaviour, swearing noise disturbance from both music and shouting. This ASB is taking place both at the front and rear of the club.

Within these diary sheets there are reports of Graham Alcott being drunk and drinking with the customers at front of the club and not dealing with the issues.

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

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I can state myself that I have witnessed when driving past the Easemore Club that I have seen Graham Alcott sat outside the front drinking from a pint glass that appeared to contain beer or similar surrounded by customers.

Also I have attended the club in the afternoons to speak with Graham and found him to be drinking and smelling strongly of intoxicating liquor.

I have examined Innkeeper West Mercia's system that record matters connected with licensed premises, designated persons and other associated information. From this I note that a meeting was held with Graham Alcott and Sgt Gilkes regarding the issues at the club.

This meeting took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with PCSO Yarwood present, in this meeting Graham Alcott expressed his concerns regarding two specific persons but also that he was well aware of the increased calls to the police and wanting to reduce these. Stated that he had employed a SIA security person to deal with issues on a Friday and Saturday (this would appear to be a contradiction as per OIS log 0862S 220818) .

Subsequently due to ongoing complaints a joint meeting took place with David Etheridge and myself on the 25/06/2018 with Graham Alcott at the Easemore Social club. During this visit it was made absolutely clear to Graham Alcott that as the licence holder for the Easemore Social Club that he had responsibility that the premises were run in an orderly manner and that no public nuisance was caused that could be attributed to the club.

Graham Alcott accepted that he had left things slip and that he needed to get on top of these, I handed a letter to him regarding our visit detailing the nature of the complaints, his responsibilities and our wish to work together to reduce these.

I have attached a copy of this letter with this statement as well as copies of the diary sheets from the member of the public.

Regarding the ongoing issues at the Easemore Social club I have spoken with various members of the public who explained to me their experiences of living near to the Easemore Social club and how the ASB is affecting them.

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: 

These complaints are varied but all relate to the club, these include the drinking that is taking place at the front of the club from morning right through the evening to late at night, this leads to rowdy behaviour, shouting that includes foul and abusive language on an almost daily basis. This ASB is causing distress to local residents, adds a feeling of intimidation, noise nuisance and general rowdy behaviour.

One resident has made the observation when walking round Redditch town centre other licensed establishments who have outside areas for drinking do not have this level of noise and associated problems, at these locations there can be large numbers of persons present without the any shouting, jeering swearing taking place just low level conversation.

Regular arguments have been reported including domestic incidents, these have taken place inside and outside of the club both at the front and rear of the club, and a number of these have resulted in assaults. This again is causing a disturbance for residents with associated noise but by the very nature of these domestic incidents there is the potential for violence that adds to the residents fear and concerns.

There is regular reports of drugs being used both at the front and in particular on the rear car park of the club, this activity is taking place at various times of the day but it has been reported to me that it can be so bad local residents are unable to have their doors and windows open due to the smell of the drugs being used but also again the resulting ASB.

The use of the rear of the club and car park would appear to extend to consuming of alcohol as residents report that when the customers leave the front they just go to the back and continue drinking outside resulting to further ASB.

From the above logs it can be seen that there have been a number of assaults taken place including the latest one involving an unlicensed door man, this cannot be acceptable as this puts both customers and staff at risk.

My understanding is that where a person is guarding a licensed premises as a door supervisor then this person should hold a valid and current qualification in door supervision that is recognised by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

URN: 

Residents are informing me that their lives have suffered detrimentally due to the associated ASB activity from the Easemore Club, feelings from wanting to move from homes they have occupied for 30 years to feeling unsafe and the area generally suffering from the behaviour of customers of the club.

Some of the residents have attempted to deal with the issues by speaking with Graham Allcott and other persons outside the club at the time incidents taking place but have been met with the attitude you live next to a club what do you expect.

One resident reported while walking past the club, at the time had their young son with them, some of the customers who were outside the club were swearing, this person challenged them regarding their use of foul language that was clearly audible to other members of the public and son, this person was threatened by one of the customers to have his head knocked off.

These complaints have started on this scale from January 2018 right through to now and there have been no break in the complaints or any reduction in ASB or associated criminal matters.

For comparison purposes I have examined West Mercia's OIS system for other licensed premises for the period between 01/01/2018 to 24/08/2018 and can report the following:

Royal Enfield 15 incidents of assault, request for Police help, general ASB.

The Rising Sun 4 incidents assault, request for Police help, general ASB.

The Sportsman's Arms 3 incidents assault, request for Police help, general ASB.

The above figures compare with 44 incidents called in respect of the Easemore Social club let alone the incident's being reported via the diary sheets, as can be seen there is a very clear and extreme disproportion of calls to and about the Easemore Social club.

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Statement of: Andrew Freeman

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I have very serious concerns that this location that it is causing a very real and serious level of ASB to local residents that is adversely affecting their ability to live in peace and enjoy their own premises.

Local residents should not have to be subjected to this type of behaviour and ASB, I believe that the club is not being managed in a fit and proper way, from the variety calls and complaints that cover all the various aspects of ASB from general noisy behaviour through to drugs and violent crime.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

URN: 

Statement of: Michael Moore

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable

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 may be required to attend court and that 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. MICHAEL MOORE

Date: 24/08/2018

I am Pc 21220 Michael Moore of the West Mercia Police currently based at Redditch Police Station allocated to C unit.

On THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST 2018 I was on uniformed mobile patrol when at around 09.15 hours I attended the THE EASEMORE CLUB, EASEMORE ROAD, REDDITCH to make enquiries regarding reports of an assault which happened around 23.00 hours on the WEDNESDAY 22nd AUGUST 2018.

As I arrived at the club I could see people drinking outside the location and on entering the club I could see around 8 people drinking inside. The time was around 09.15 hours and since this time I have been made aware that the licensing hours to serve alcohol is 09.30 hours on Thursday.

Whilst inside the location I spoke with a member of staff who was starting making enquiries regarding CCTV at the location. I have spoken with other customers inside the location who appeared intoxicated and stated that they had already had several pints making it clear to me that had been drinking there for some time.

I have left the location and spoken with the manager of the THE EASEMORE CLUB who gave his name as GRAHAM. I spoke with GRAHAM outside REDDITCH Police Station and he stated that he was annoyed that an incident happened at the club. He informed me that he had sacked the manager ANNE who was in charge at the time of the incident as she had been serving intoxicated customers and that he had viewed CCTV and she had been giving them the alcohol for free.

GRAHAM was also stated that LAMIN STEPHENS who was working for him as a doorman at the EASEMORE CLUB would also have to be sacked as he had been arrested for assault.

During the afternoon of THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2018 I attended Kidderminster Police Station and interviewed LAMIN STEPHENS regarding the assault at the EASEMORE CLUB. Following the interview LAMIN confirmed that he was currently employed as a doorman at the EASEMORE CLUB. I believe that LAMIN is not registered to conduct the role as doorman/supervisor.

I had no further dealings with this matter.

Signature: MICHAEL MOORE

Signature witnessed by: .

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Easemore Social Club - June - July 2018 Activity

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	11:45 pm - 12:45 am	Disturbance on Car Park caused by three men having very loud, lively conversation.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	11:45 pm - 12:15pm	Two cars pulled up on car park, tooting horns, playing loud booming music, and loud conversation.
Fri/Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> June		Away from home.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	12:00 pm - late eve	Rowdy behaviour, foul language on front terrace.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	09:30 am - 2:00pm	Four people drinking alcohol on the terrace from 09:30 am. At 12:15 pm I went round and asked them whether they were aware of the new signs regarding consideration for the neighbours. I received foul verbal abuse and they denied causing any nuisance.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	17.15pm	Witnessed Graham Allcott being driven away looking much the worse for wear.
Weds/Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>		Low level noise disturbance and constant foul language on front terrace during the day / early evening.
Fri/Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> July		Away from home.
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> July	17:00 - 10.00pm	Loud, raucous drinkers on front terrace joined by Graham Allcott.
	21:40 - 22:10	Arguing, shouting and swearing at rear of club between three or four men and women
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00 - 23:30	Usual prolonged loud disturbance on front terrace, shouting and swearing, Graham Allcott drinking with customers.
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> July	14::00 - 23:00	As previous day. Also disturbance on Car Park at rear between 22:45 and 23:15pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> July	17:00 - 21:30pm	Prolonged high level of noise disturbance from crowd of rowdy drinkers, swearing, shouting and women shrieking. Joined again by Graham Allcott.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00 - mid eve	Noisy behaviour, shouting and swearing on front terrace.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	18:00 - 22:00pm	Rowdy, noisy behaviour on front terrace.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	22:-00 - 23:00	Loud arguing and aggressive shouting at rear of club.

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Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	17:00 – 22:00	Rowdy, noisy behaviour on front terrace.
	22:00 – 23:00	Small crowd five or six people very loudly arguing, shouting and swearing and causing disturbance immediately on other side of my back garden hedge but sounding as if they were right beneath my bedroom window.
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	14:00 – mid eve	Noisy, rowdy behaviour, lots of shouting, swearing, jeering and random noises.
	18:15 – 18:30	Sitting having a cup of tea in my garden, strong smell of marijuana on the air. Went to top of garden and through the hedge saw three man openly standing in the middle of the car park passing round a joint.
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	08:30 am – 21:00pm	People drinking at front of building from just before 08:30 am. Disturbance continued all day, reaching a peak at approximately 15:00pm. Drinkers joined by licensee Graham Allcott. Lots of noise, swearing and shouting. Also constant disturbance from approximately 16:00pm on the car park at rear of club, arguing, shouting and swearing.
		Walked past The Rising Sun at approximately 15:15 pm, in comparison counted 31 people outside making barely any noise other than low level conversation.
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> July	09:30am – 21:00pm	Drinkers out from early on, moderate disturbance throughout the day, again Graham Allcott present drinking with customers.
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> to	All day long into late eve.	Sustained noise, profound swearing, shouting, jeering and short lived arguments on front terrace all day long, moderate to high level of disturbance. Graham Allcott out drinking with customers. Increased activity to rear car park, people gathering, arguing and causing disturbance on and off throughout the day and until as late as midnight.
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> July (inclusive)		As above from Wednesday through to Friday.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> July	17:00 – 21:30	Usual loud raucous crowd on front terrace, swearing, shouting all as previously. Late activity on car park at rear, small noisy, raucous crowd gathered, some arguing and aggressive behaviour.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00 – 20.00	Loud noisy drinkers on front terrace joined by an inebriated looking Graham Allcott.

**Note:**

On dates where no entries have been made it is not necessarily that there was no activity at the club, only that I was away from home or at work. Similarly where activity is recorded as starting later in the day it may have begun earlier but I wasn't at home and only observed it on my return.

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Easemore Social Club Activity – 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	5:00pm – 9:30pm	Prolonged shouting, swearing rowdy anti-social behaviour. Graham Allcott (GA) drinking with patrons.
	9:00pm – 9:30pm	Domestic row on car park at rear, swearing, shouting, aggressive behaviour.
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	8:40am	three customers drinking beer on front terrace before licensing hours.
	3:00pm	Very unpleasant nasty domestic row on Car Park at rear, lots of aggression, swearing and shouting.
	2:00pm – 7:00pm	Prolonged noisy ASB on front terrace, usual swearing, shouting, random noises. GA drinking with patrons.
	12:00am – 1:00am	Very noisy disturbance on car park at rear, shouting, loud conversation, swearing, car doors slamming and engines revving.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	6:00pm – 10:00pm	Very noisy ASB on front terrace, foul language, singing and shouting. GA drinking with patrons.
	12:00am – 12:45am	Very noisy disturbance on car park at rear, singing, shouting, loud conversation, swearing, car doors slamming and engines revving. Lots of comings and goings.
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11:00am – 9:00pm	Day long very noisy ASB as previously observed. GA drinking with patrons.
	8:00pm to 9:00pm	ASB disturbance on car park as previously observed.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8:00pm – 10:30pm	Usual ASB on front terrace as previously noted.
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12:00pm – 8:00pm	Prolonged, day long extremely loud ASB on front terrace, extreme shouting, swearing, jeering as before. In addition young children accompanying one of the adults were also swearing profusely.
	8:00pm – 8.30pm	Continuation of ASB above on car park at rear.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11:15pm – 12:30am	Disturbance on car park at rear, several men arguing, swearing and shouting. Car doors slamming, engines revving loudly.
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8:00pm – 11:50pm	Loud thumping music from function room at rear of club all evening long.
	11:30pm – 12:50am	Disturbance on car park at rear, shouting, swearing, arguing, vehicles coming and going.

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Easemore Social Club Activity – 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 - continued

- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 10:45pm – 11:15pm Loud disturbance on car park at rear, lots of shouting and lots of vehicle doors slamming and revving.
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 5:00pm - 8:00pm Noisy crowd on front terrace, shouting and swearing. GA drinking with patrons.
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 4:15pm – 4:45 pm Protracted aggressive domestic row on car park at rear. Lots of shouting, and foul language. Police Officer attended.
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 11:30pm – 12:00am Disturbance on car park at rear between two men, lots of shouting, aggression and swearing.
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2:00pm to 7:00pm Moderate noisy behaviour on front terrace. GA drinking with patrons.

Note:

As per previous diary notes on dates where no entries have been made it is not necessarily that there was no activity at the club, only that I was either away from home or at work. Similarly where activity is recorded as starting later in the day it may have begun earlier but I wasn't at home and only observed it on my return.





Warwickshire  
**POLICE**



West Mercia  
**POLICE**

Mr. Graham Allcott  
C/O Easemore Road Social Club  
25 Easemore Rd  
Redditch  
B98 8ER

25 June 2018  
PC 214 Andrew Freeman  
West Mercia Police  
Redditch Police station  
Grove Street  
Redditch  
B98 8DD  
0300 333 3000  
Ext 3737

Dear Mr. Alcott,

Reference: Complaints of disorder Easemore Social Club

With regards to the above as the Abbey Safer Neighbourhood Officer I have received numerous complaints from residents of Easemore Road in regard to the ongoing issues at the Easemore Road Social Club.

Over the past six months we have received 34 complaints of anti-social behaviour that range from general swearing in and around the premises, smell of cannabis that originates from the club, through to fights and general disorder.

You will appreciate this is having a severe impact on the residents of Easemore Road to their quality of life and hence the purpose of my visit with Worcester Regulatory Services today.

As the owner and designated premises supervisor of Easemore Social Club it is not only your responsibility to ensure that all your licence (number 15/0188/PREMLI) conditions are adhered to but there is an underlying requirement/duty to ensure that no public nuisance is caused from the premises.

Another concern with regards to the reported disorder within the club is the safety of any staff employed at the Easemore Social Club as they are the ones who will be dealing with these matters initially.

I have noted that since your meeting with Sergeant Gilkes and PCSO Yarwood on the 6th June 2018 that there have been a further 10 reports of anti-social behaviour originating from the club after the assurances provided by you at this meeting, it would appear that these have not been addressed and anti-social behaviour is still taking place.

We would seek to work with you in a mood of voluntary co-operation to address the levels of anti-social behaviour and thereby reduce any public nuisance, I would ask that if you require



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Police assistance to deal with these matters that you do so but I must make it absolutely clear that if there is no significant improvement in the coming weeks and months that I reserve the right to escalate the matter to a Senior Police Officer to review the Easemore Social Club licence.

This letter is to ask that we work together, yourself, West Mercia Police and Worcester Regulatory Services to resolve the issues so that the quality of life for Easemore Residents is significantly improved and that the Easemore Social Club is shown to be a responsible neighbour.

Yours sincerely,

PC 214 Andrew Freeman  
Abbey Safer Neighbourhood Officer  
West Mercia Police

**Suggested changes to Easemore Road Social Club licence**

- 1) Change licensing hours in an attempt to reduce long periods of being open to prevent high levels of intoxication, suggested hours as follows:**

Sunday:                      From 11:00 to 14:00 then 16:00 to 22:00

Monday to Thursday: From 11:00 to 14:00 then 17:00 to 23:00

Friday to Saturday:    From 10:00 to 14:00 then 16:00 to 23:00

- 2) Restrict times allowed outside of front of club to drink:**

Morning times: 11:00 to 14:00

Evening times 17:00 to 19:00

These times reflect an attempt to deal with reported ASB at this location.

- 3) To use SIA licensed door staff to patrol front, side, rear and car park of premises, to deal with any associated ASB, drug use and drinking on car park. Again this reflects the concern for ASB and criminal activity being reported.**
- 4) To extend CCTV coverage of premises to cover front, side, rear and carpark. Again in an attempt to deal with ASB.**
- 5) For bar staff/management to maintain a clear distinction between being friendly and social with customers and maintaining their roles within a licensed premises.**

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## Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence

**Premises Licence Number**

15/01880/PREMLI

### Part 1 – Premises Details

**Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description, including Post Town, Post Code**

Easemore Club  
25 Easemore Road  
Redditch  
Worcestershire  
B98 8ER

**Telephone number**            01527 459240

**Where the licence is time limited, the dates**

Not applicable

**Licensable activities authorised by the licence and the times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities**

Activity	Days	From	To	Indoors/Outdoors
Late Night Refreshment	Friday to Saturday	23:00	- 00:00	
Late Night Refreshment	Monday to Friday	23:00	- 23:30	
Playing of Recorded Music	Sunday	10:00	- 22:00	Indoors
Playing of Recorded Music	Friday to Saturday	10:00	- 00:00	Indoors
Playing of Recorded Music	Monday to Thursday	10:00	- 23:30	Indoors
Sale of Alcohol	Sunday	10:00	- 22:00	
Sale of Alcohol	Friday to Saturday	10:00	- 23:45	
Sale of Alcohol	Monday to Friday	10:00	- 23:30	

**Non-standard timings**

**The opening hours of the premises**

Days	From	To
Sunday	10:00	- 22:00
Friday to Saturday	09:00	- 00:00
Monday to Thursday	09:00	- 23:30

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies**  
Alcohol is supplied for consumption on the premises

**Part 2**

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

Mr Graham Alcott  
39 Walkwood Crescent  
Redditch  
Worcestershire  
B97 5NT

Email Address

Telephone No.                      01527 459240

**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)**

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol**

Mr Graham Alcott  
39 Walkwood Crescent  
Redditch  
Worcestershire  
B97 5NT

**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol**

Personal Licence No: 18250559  
Licensing Authority: Redditch Borough Council

**AUTHORISED OFFICER**

Licensing and Support Services Manager  
Worcestershire Regulatory Services  
On behalf of Redditch Borough Council

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## **Annex 1 – Mandatory conditions**

### **The making and authorisation of alcohol sales**

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence—

- a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
- b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

### **Irresponsible alcohol promotions**

The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises—

- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to—
  - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
  - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
- (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
- (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
- (e) dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).

### **Provision of free potable water**

The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.

### **Age verification policy for the sale or supply of alcohol**

The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.

The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either—

- (a) a holographic mark, or
- (b) an ultraviolet feature.

### Availability of small measures of alcohol

The responsible person must ensure that—

- (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures—
  - (i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
  - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
  - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml;
- (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and
- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

### Permitted price of alcohol

1. A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price
2. For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph 1—
  - a) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979);
  - b) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula—

$$P = D + (D \times V)$$

where—

P is the permitted price,

D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and

V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

- c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence—
  - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
  - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
  - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- e) “valued added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

3. Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
4. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax.  
(2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

## **Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

### **a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e):**

No children in bar area

No children in premises after 8pm unless a family party in function room.

Existing health and safety and fire regulations in place.

be a member of pubwatch

### **b) The prevention of crime and disorder:**

CCTV in operation

Remain member of pubwatch

### **c) Public safety:**

All staff fully trained

Personal licence holder on the premises at all times

### **d) The prevention of public nuisance:**

All windows and doors closed for 10:00pm everyday

Trained members of staff to monitor outside areas.

### **e) The protection of children from harm:**

## **Other operating conditions**

Conditions Agreed with Environmental Health

In relation to Public Nuisance

1. All music from the premises must be contained inside the building causing no nuisance to local residents. There is to be no playing of music of any description outside of the building and in the patio area. This includes the use of radio or stereo systems of any description even provided by customers.
2. At all times music is being performed at the premises, regular Staff visits will be made outside the perimeter of the building to ensure that the above condition is complied with times and dates of checks will be recorded for examination by Police and any Authorised Officer.
3. The use of the outside patio area must cease at 2200hrs daily and cleared by Staff who will ensure no drinks are permitted outside of the building after this time. Signage will be installed advising customers of this condition.
4. Appropriate signage will be placed both inside the premises and on the patio area outside directing patrons to behave in a quiet and orderly manner to the consideration of local residents.
5. The Premises Licence Holder will give 14 days prior notice in writing warning local residents of any events/functions that finish at anytime later than midnight.
6. No bottles will be emptied into any outside skip between the hours of 2100hrs and 0900hrs daily.

In relation to Crime and Disorder

1. CCTV cameras are to be installed at the premises. The installation of a fully operational digital CCTV system must be to the satisfaction of the Police and the Local Authority.
2. Cameras shall be of high resolution and provide imaging of EVIDENTIAL QUALITY.

3. Equipment must be maintained in good working order, and set to reproduce the correct date and time on all imaging.
4. The CCTV must be operational and recording throughout all times that the premises are open to the public.
5. Recordings must be retained for a period of 28 days and will be made available to the Police or any Authorised Officer on request.
6. The Premises Licence holder must ensure at all times that the Designated Premises Supervisor or an appointed member of Staff is capable and competent to download imagery from the CCTV system in a recordable format within 24 hours of such a request from the Police or any other authorised Officer.

In relation to the Protection of Children from Harm

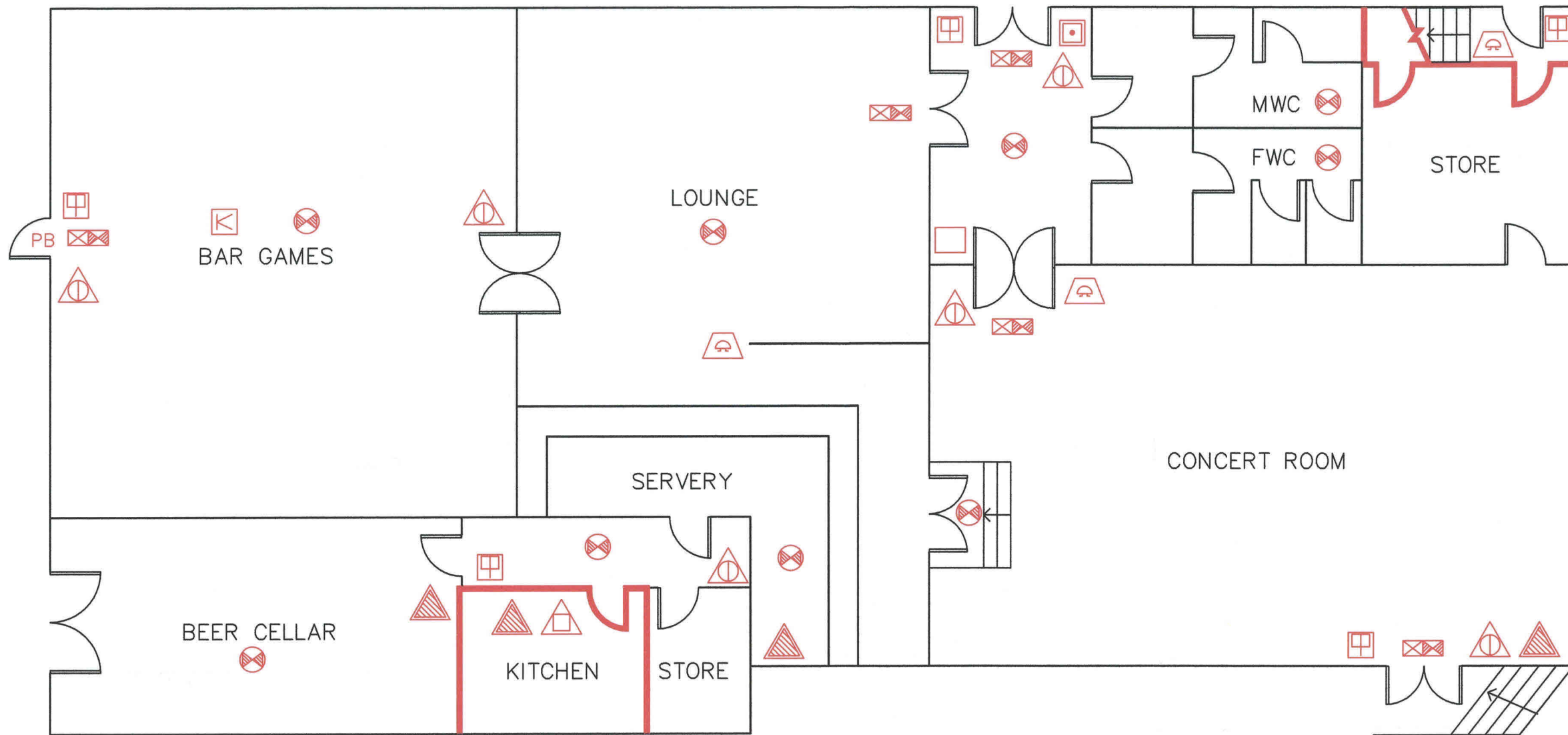
1. A challenge 21 Policy must be adopted with all Staff trained by the Designated Premises Supervisor and Staff Training Records kept in relation to all aspects of licensing legislation and conditions imposed on the licence. These records must be made available at the premises for examination by the Police or any other Authorised Person.

### **Annex 3 – Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

### **Annex 4 – Plans**

As deposited with the licensing authority

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	Fire extinguisher dry powder		Fire Precautions Emergency Door Release
	Fire extinguisher water type		Fire Precautions 30 minutes fire resistance
	Fire extinguisher carbon dioxide gas		Fixed alarm device heat detector
	Emergency lighting exit sign internally illuminated		Fixed alarm device warning device bell
	Emergency lighting enclosed		Fixed alarm device fire alarm call point manual
	PB Fire precautions pushbar door transomery		Fixed alarm device control panel any type

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 September 2018 16:35  
**To:** WRS Enquiries  
**Subject:** Objection to Easemore Club, 25 Easemore Road, Redditch, B98 8ER

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Dear sir/madam

**PLEASE RESPECT MY PRIVACY AND POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES/SAFETY WHEN AND IF REVEALING ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS EMAIL**

With reference to the licence review of the above premises I would like my objection to be considered in your deliberations regarding the licence.

[REDACTED]

I would like the licence REVOKED for the following reason which I have personally witnessed on occasions.

Initially when the club re-opened some 5 years or so ago it seemed pleasant, quiet and a controlled establishment but after a while and to date since the front was opened up

I have seen, heard and been made aware of the following on a regular basis throughout the opening hours and until very late.

1. Customers being very loud and the more they drink the louder it gets.
2. I have heard 2 male customer shout racial abuse at a passing muslim woman and no intervention by staff or other customers
3. You regularly hear the customers using profanities most of the time and again increasing in abuse and noise levels as the evening goes on and sometimes in the day when the weather is warm.
4. I have used the club on a number of occasions and witnessed customers falling out with each other arguing and on one occasion I saw them fighting and also heard the same on other occasions and NO intervention to stop it immediately before escalation
5. Some of the customers seem uncontrolled by their behaviour. I have heard glasses smashed and bottles/litter/cigarette ends in and around the club.
6. Some of the customers feel it necessary to intimidate or harass passers by.
7. [REDACTED]
8. The property has coolers/equipment etc on the roof which is noisy and disturbs night-time peace.

9. People (not always associated with the club) use and abuse the carpark at the rear where unruly behaviour exists and believed criminal activities both in cars and on foot because it is not secure and is hidden from public view. There is no obvious intervention by the licence holder, responsible person or the police to prevent or detect any offences.

10. Young people seem to frequent the establishment when you would think they should be at home and in bed.

Please confirm receipt of my observations with regards to the licence review.

Regards

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**From:****Sent:** 10 October 2018 09:16**To:** WRS Enquiries**Subject:** Easemore Club

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To whom it may concern,

I refer to the notices displayed on the outside of the above premises at Easemore Road regarding the licence.

Unfortunately due to a close personal bereavement I do not currently have time to make you fully aware of my numerous concerns relating to the Easemore Club. I have however fully informed PC 214 Andy Freeman ( D Div) at Redditch Station of the issues and activity at the club and my consequent concerns and have sent him detailed notes and diaries of events.

I would ask that you request sight of my full submissions to PC Freeman when considering the licence review which my neighbours and I would very much like to see revoked.

These include serious anti-social behaviour and disorder, drug use, incidents of abusive behaviour and assault, alcohol served outside of licensing hours, breach of security to neighbouring properties and the very poor attitude of the licensee.

A number of my neighbours and I are strongly opposed to this club, the activities and behaviour of which are wholly inappropriate in a residential area.

Regards

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter in support of the application to review the license of the Easemore Social Club. We have lived \_\_\_\_\_ since March 2016 and have consistently found the licensee Graham Alcott to be unwilling and incapable of promoting public safety and preventing crime, disorder, and public nuisance.

I have found living \_\_\_\_\_ both stressful and intimidating. In the early days, we tried to communicate with Graham whenever we had an issue in the hope he would try to resolve it however it soon became apparent he didn't care about our wellbeing. For instance, he installed an industrial fan \_\_\_\_\_ without asking us first, which was like an airplane engine \_\_\_\_\_ and disrupted our sleep while I was heavily pregnant. When we asked politely if it could be removed because it was adversely affecting my wellbeing, Graham at first said he would and then started to ignore our requests and his staff even began to put the phone down on us when we called the club to ask them to turn the fan off late at night. This was very stressful and harmful to our \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

Since having our baby, my partner has been threatened by an aggressive patron who threatened him while he was holding our baby. Whilst unloading the car, on our driveway and holding our newborn, my partner overheard some aggressive swearing after returning from a lunchtime trip to the shops (this was around 1pm) and stopped to turn around to look. The man asked my partner what the f\*\*\* he was looking at and asked him whether he wanted a fight from the terrace. The fact that this aggressive and violent man knew where we lived made me scared to report this incident to the police.

More recently, Graham has invaded our privacy by sending one of his regulars to cut down \_\_\_\_\_ all the foliage directly \_\_\_\_\_ This foliage offers us some shelter and privacy \_\_\_\_\_ and the (suspected) criminal activity that goes on there (we've frequently listened to drunken fights, drunken swearing and smelt marijuana being smoked). One morning I looked out my window and saw a man carelessly hacking these bushes down, without any prior warning (and doing a terrible job). I was shocked and when I asked the man what he was doing he aggressively shouted back "we know you have a problem with the social club". This made me feel intimidated, targeted and powerless.

In addition to this, I have been 'cat called' whilst walking past the club by an inebriated male during an afternoon drinking session. There are also regular fights and aggressive slanging matches (between groups of men, women and fighting couples) outside \_\_\_\_\_ and along Easemore Road which frequently wake me up at night.

This has all made me feel very unsafe in my own home, especially since having a baby. My partner is regularly away on business leaving me alone with my baby in the house. I feel reluctant to call the police because I feel like the regulars know where we live and already assume we have "a problem with the social club". Some of them are very aggressive and I

feel very vulnerable. I also feel that Graham is unable to keep adequate control over his customers which makes the situation even worse.

We have tried to co-exist next to Graham and his staff, but there have been many occasions where he has been an ignorant or reckless licensee and neighbor. Most of the time when I walk past the club he is sat with his customers drinking large amounts of alcohol. He does not exercise any control over his patrons. They are loud and unruly, constant throw litter and urinate on the street and he seems to be egging them on whenever I pass by the club. I also understand he does not have a manager in the club to take control when he is not there. I think this is dangerous, given the type of person that uses the club. This lack of a manager was even more evident during the World Cup when there were multiple incidents in the car park out the back (the police were called at least once and Graham was seen to be very drunk whilst in charge – to the point where he could barely stand up straight).

I do not trust that he will take the necessary actions to keep me, my baby or my partner safe from his drunken patrons. I am too scared to report every incident to the police. I would highly recommend his license be revoked as he is an inadequate licensee and his failings are having an adverse effect on the area, and on the lives of me and my neighbors.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: 13 October 2018 07:39  
To: WRS Enquiries  
Subject: Easemore Club

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Ref: Easemore Club, Easemore Road, Redditch.

I agree with the police that the current license holder is failing to uphold the conditions of his licence on the grounds of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety and have personally witnessed incidents to support my claim.

I have directly challenged the licence holder earlier this year by telephone and requested from him that he ensures that his clients behave in a respectful manner. This is a residential Road with schools, College, church's and a registry office, it is a main route to the Town Centre. The Easemore Road club is not a good advertisement for Redditch. I have not seen evidence that he has managed to uphold my request.

I have witnessed a man (believe around May 18) from the club, urinate against the club wall at around 3.20 pm on a school day, when young people are walking home. I have witnessed arguments outside of the club and on the terrace where customers sit on a regular basis.

Customers previously would make comments and remarks to passers by, and by the nature of how the terrace at the front of the club is structured this is intimidating for those walking past. I have had remarks made to my son by customers from the club.

We as a family have reported domestic abuse, and public nuisance incidents to the police.

During the summer when sitting in our back garden regularly are disturbed by customers out the back of the club, swearing, shouting and what would say kicking off outside.

I believe that there has been drug dealing at the back of the club, just by the nature of the behaviour of people.

Where Next association is at the back of the club, this agency has been situated there since the 80s, they support vulnerable people with learning disabilities. My husband has intervened in an incident from the club this year as he feared that it may on clients leaving where next.

My daughter who also lives in the road has had her back garden damaged following a disturbance from the club where someone was being chased and ran through gardens and hedges in an attempt to get away.

The summer brings with it regular disturbance from the club with what appears to be drinking from 9am through to the evening. There is excess litter in the road and people being sick, I have requested that the landlord extend his cleaning way beyond his front of club and drive.

Clients of the club regularly have their children at the club who are also privy to the behaviour of the clients and are at times present during disturbances. This is believe will have a negative impact on the health and well-being.

I regularly witness police and ambulance presence at the club and have commented to the landlord that I believe that he and his clients are a drain on the public resource and purse. I believe that these services should be there to serve those most in need.

I believe that no licence should be granted for the club. There are many licences establishments in the Town Centre.

Regards

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**From:****Sent:** 10 October 2018 22:29**To:** WRS Enquiries**Subject:** EASEMORE ROAD CLUB

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Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_ I want to object to a licence been granted to the Easemore Road club, My house is \_\_\_\_\_ from the Easemore club as over the past few years the quality of life around the area has been brought down by the licensee not being able to control his customers behaviour, This year has been the worst due to the long hot summer the drinking has been outside the foul and loud language also the fights police have attended several times. When one of my neighbours who has had a baby ask them to be quite they threatened to punch his lights out while he had his baby in his arms, there's vomit stains on the pavement. Also the car park \_\_\_\_\_ he must be having lockins because there is a lot of noise after 1am as his customers leave swearing having arguments and domestics which tend to last for some time. i have also smelt marjuana when i have been in my garden. I have also advised the police that late at night the car park must be used for the selling of drugs several time late at night i can here two cars driving into the car park then minutes later they drive out. I have also found his beer barrels been rolled down the road and left in the middle of the road. I really don't feel the licensee is a fit person to run this club as the discription that has been given to me by some of his customers is he drinks with them and is a heavy drinker.

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