

SUPPORTING COMMENTS FOR WRS REVIEW OF THE WARWICK

West Mercia Police are fully in support of Worcestershire Regulatory services calling a review on THE WARWICK BAR AND NIGHTCLUB, 76 IPSLEY, STREET, REDDITCH, B98 7AE.

This premises falls well below the expected level of safe and compliant operation.

There has been significant crime and disorder associated with this premises, this crime and disorder goes against the four licensing objectives. This ultimately puts members of the public at significant risk of harm and injury both physically and mentally, it also puts property at significant risk of damage and goes against the licensing objective of prevention of crime and disorder.

West Mercia Police can provide evidence to support breaches of the four licensing objectives and the persons responsible for the correct running of the premises.

In the early hours of Saturday 3rd December 2022 there was a significant disorder outside the front of the premises where multiples persons were attacking the front of the property having been ejected from the premises.

This has escalated into this same group attacking the door security on duty that night. One of the members of door security has then produced a chain from his pocket and started to whip the group with it. As a result of the groups violent and disorderly behaviour, a number of parked vehicles in Lodge Road were vandalised causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

The incident has continued and the manager of the premises; CLINTON BRYAN, along with others has come out of the premises and onto the junction of LODGE ROAD (a residential street) and produced what is believed to be a handgun firing it in the street towards the group. This shows a total disregard to the safety of those in and around the location.

CLINTON BRYAN is then seen to put the "gun" down the top of his trousers and has gone back into the premises along with the door security who still had the chain in their hand. It is believed that others present were also in possession of weapons at that point.

Police have been called and a firearms incident was declared. When unarmed officers have entered the premises CLINTON BRYAN was hostile, abusive and uncooperative towards them telling them to FUCK OFF. At this time, attending officers were not aware that BRYAN was in fact the shooter.

An emergency closure order was sought and granted by a court on the 12th December 2022 which will be in place until the 11th March 2023.

Several people including CLINTON BRYAN have been arrested in relation to this incident.

West Mercia Police feel the only option is to revoke the licence for this premises, there are significant concerns that if it is allowed to remain open then at some point in the future someone may lose their life.

West Mercia Police fully support the review of this premises.