

Agenda

Licensing sub-committee

Date: **Friday 22 October 2021**

Time: **11.00 am**

Place: **Online Meeting**

Notes: Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting.

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Licensing sub-committee

Membership

Councillor Polly Andrews
Councillor Sebastian Bowen
Councillor John Hardwick

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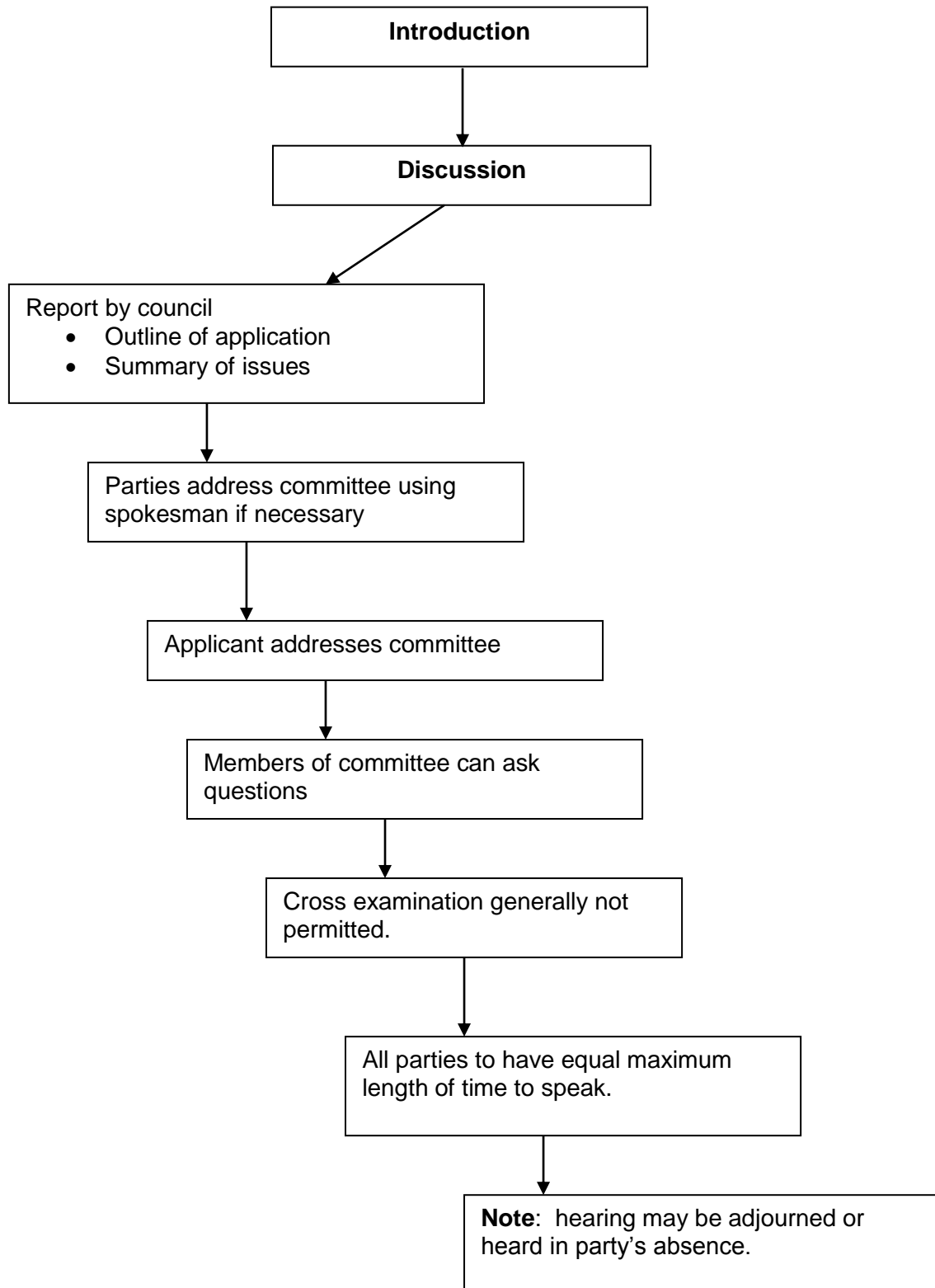
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Licensing Hearing Flowchart



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(Nolan Principles)**

1. Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

2. Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

3. Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

4. Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

5. Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

6. Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

7. Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.



Title of report: Application for an expedited review in respect of Razbari, 156 Eign Street, Hereford. HR4 0AP

Meeting: Licensing sub-committee

Meeting date: Friday 22 October 2021 at 11:00am

Report by: Senior Licensing Technical Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

Hereford – Widemarsh

Purpose

To consider an application for an expedited review in respect of Razbari, 156 Eign Street, Hereford. HR4 0AP under the Licensing Act 2003 called by PC 2368 Chris Lea of West Mercia Police.

Recommendation(s)

That:

Sub-Committee determine the interim steps necessary to prevent serious crime or serious disorder (or both) at the premises and to promote the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community. They should give appropriate weight to:

The steps that are necessary to assist with the prevention of serious crime or disorder or both

The representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties,

The Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

The Herefordshire Council Licensing Policy 2020 - 2025

Reasons for Recommendations

Ensures compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 and the Crime & Disorder Act 2006

Alternative options

1. There are a number of options open to the sub-committee:

The interim steps that the licensing authority can consider taking are:

Take no action or

Take any of the following steps: -

- (a) to modify the conditions of the licence;
- (b) the exclusion of the sale of alcohol by retail (or other licensable activities) from the scope of the licence;
- (c) to remove the designated premises supervisor;
- (d) to suspend the licence;

Where the authority takes a step mentioned in subsection (a) or (b), it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect until the full review hearing.

Key considerations

Licence Application

2. The powers to call for an expedited review are contained in Section 53A of the 2003 Act by virtue of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. The powers allow:

- The police to trigger a fast track process to review a premises licence where the police consider that the premises are associated with serious crime or serious disorder (or both); and
- The licensing authority to respond by taking interim steps quickly, where appropriate, pending a full review.

Applicant	PC 2368 Chris Lea of the West Mercia Constabulary	
Premise Licence Holder	MD Masud Ruhel Mintu	
Solicitor	Not known	
Type of application: Expedited Review	Date received: 15.10.2021	Interim Steps Hearing 48 hours 16.10.2021 & 22.10.2021

Current Licence

3. The current licence (appendix 1) authorises the following licensable activities during the hours shown: -
Licensable activities authorised by the licence
Late Night Refreshment (Indoors) & Sale/Supply of Alcohol (For consumption on the premises)
Late Night Refreshment: Monday – Sunday 23:00 – 23:59
Sale/Supply of Alcohol: Monday – Sunday 17:00 – 23:59

The Grounds for the Review

4. The grounds for the review and the Superintendent's authority are contained in Appendix 2 of the background papers.
5. The committee have to decide what action should be taken, if any, to prevent further outbreaks of serious crime or disorder or both at the premises and how this will further promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime.

History

6. This matter was brought before licensing sub-committee on 15 October 2021. The sub-committee were advised in that meeting that the records held by the Council indicated that Mrs Wahida Khatun held the premises licence and was also the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS).
7. Following a query in respect of this raised under the licensing sub-committee meeting, an investigation by the Licensing Authority, showed that an application had been made in January 2019 to remove Mrs Khatun from the licence both as the premises licence holder and the DPS. The licence therefore should have been transferred to Mr Mintu.
8. Therefore to be clear, as of January 2019, Wahida Khatun was not the premises licence holder or DPS at the Razbari and Herefordshire Council apologises unreservedly for this error and any embarrassment that this will have caused Mrs Khatun.

Community impact

9. Any decision may have an impact on the local community.

Environmental Impact

10. This report is in relation to a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such there are minimal environmental impacts for the council, as licensing authority.

Equality duty

11. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
12. There are no equality issues in relation to the content of this report.
13. This report has human rights implications for both the premises licence holder and the residents from the local neighbourhood. Any of the steps outlined in section 1 of this report may have financial implications for a licensee's business and livelihood and/or may have impact upon the day to day lives of residents living in close proximity to the premises.
14. Article 8(i) of the European Convention of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to respect for his/her private and family life and his/her home (which includes business premises). This right may be interfered with by the council on a number of grounds including the protection of rights and freedoms of others. The First Protocol – Article 1 – also provides that every person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions and shall not be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and conditions provided for by law. Members must accordingly make a decision which is proportionate to the hearing and endeavour to find a balance between the rights of the applicant, residents and the community as a whole.

Resource implications

15. This report is in relation to a premises license under the Licensing Act 2003 and as such there are minimal resource implications for the council, as licensing authority.

Financial implications

16. There are unlikely to be any financial implications for the council, as licensing authority at this time.

Legal implications

17. The premise licence holder may make representations against the interim steps taken by the licensing authority. There is not a time limit for the premises licence holder to make representation on the interim steps, although this would be within the normal review period of 28 days. On receipt of representations and if they are not withdrawn, a hearing must be arranged within 48 hours of receipt.

Risk management

18. There is little risk associated with the decision at this time as the legislation allows representation to be made against the interim steps.

Consultees

19. Copies of the application and certificate have been sent to the responsible authorities and served on the premises licence holder.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Current Premises Licence

Appendix 2 - Application for expedited review & Superintendent's certificate

Background Papers

Relevant pages of the Section 182 Guidance Background papers

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Designated Premises Supervisor - DPS

**LICENSING ACT 2003
Part A - Premises Licence**

Premises licence number PR01375 (App to Transfer & Vary Premises DPS)

Part 1 - Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Razbari 156 Eign Street	
Post town Hereford	Postcode HR4 0AP
Telephone number	

Where the licence is time limited the dates
Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
**Late Night Refreshment (Indoors)
Sale/Supply of Alcohol (For consumption on the premises)**

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities
**Late Night Refreshment
Monday – Sunday 23:00 – 23:59**
**Sale/Supply of Alcohol
Monday – Sunday 17:00 – 23:59**

The opening hours of the premises
Monday – Sunday 17:00 – 23:59

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/ or off supplies
For consumption on the premises

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence
MD Masud Ruhel Mintu
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Not applicable

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

MD Masud Ruhel Mintu

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Licence number: [REDACTED]

Issuing authority: [REDACTED]

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

Irresponsible Drinks Promotions

1. (1) 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.
- (2) 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).

Free Drinking Water

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

Age verification

3. (1) 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.

- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.

Small Measures

4. 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.

Below Cost Price

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.

Mandatory conditions where licence authorises supply of alcohol

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
- (a) 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.

Door supervision

Each individual required to carry out a security activity must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the operating Schedule

Licensing objectives

General:

The Licensee must will retain control over all parts of the premises, either the licensee or the duty manager will be in charge of & within the premises whenever the public are present.

No disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the premises

Prevention of Crime:

CCTV must be registered and installed in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the information Commissioner.

Refusal to sell alcohol to those who appear to be drunk or underage

Public Safety:

The Licensee must ensure that she has sufficient trained Staff on Duty to ensure the safe evacuation of the premises in the event of an emergency

Provision of a first aider & or suitable first aid equipment must be provided & maintained in an accessible on the premises

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Customers will be marshalled out of the building and banning those who are persistently leave in a noisy boisterous manner.

Music played will only be in the background and controlled by members of staff from behind the bar

Protection of Children:

All staff will be aware of age regulations & Proof of age cards

The provision of suitable safe seating for minors will be put in place

The licensee must operate a Challenge 25 Policy

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Not applicable

Annex 4 - Plans

As attached

**LICENSING ACT 2003
Part B - Premises licence summary**

Premises licence number PR01375 (App to Transfer & Vary Premises DPS)

Premises details

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Razbari 156 Eign Street	
Post town Hereford	Postcode HR4 0AP
Telephone number	

Where the licence is time limited the dates
Not applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
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MD Masud Ruhel Mintu
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

Not applicable

Name of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol

MD Masud Ruhel Mintu

State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited

Licensing Conditions: Not applicable

Licensing Objectives:

All staff will be aware of age regulations & Proof of age cards

The provision of suitable safe seating for minors will be put in place

West Mercia Police
Herefordshire
Bath Street
Hereford HR1 1TA

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

Razbari Indian Resturant
156 Eigh Street
Hereford
Herefordshire
HR4 0AP

Premises licence number (if known)

Name of premises supervisor (if known) believed to be Masud Ruhel Mintu

I am a Superintendent ³ in the West Mercia 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

On Friday 8th October 2021, following a joint agency operation, an inspection took place at the premises due to intelligence existing that suggested exploitation was taking place at the premises This involved potential immigration offences.

One member of staff was detained and arrested due to his immigration status. Two other members of staff were also reported as they has overstayed their

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

VISA



(Signed)

Supt Edd WILLIAMS

14/10/21

(Date)

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

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

Herefordshire Council

Licensing Section

8 St Owen Street

Hereford

HR1 2PJ

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 PC 2368 Chris LEA - Police Licensing Officer
[on behalf of] the chief officer of police for
the West Mercia 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:

**Razbari Indian Restaurant
156 Eign Street**

Post town: Hereford

Post code (if known): **HR4 0AP**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): Mrs Wahida Khatun

Number of premises licence holder (if known): PR01375

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]

This premises is an indian restaurant based near to Hereford city centre

On Friday 8th October 2021, a joint agency operation involving West Mercia Police, Immigration, Herefordshire Council Environmental Health and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue took place, where a visit was made at the premises regarding the employment of illegal immigrants.

At the time, who West Mercia believed to be the designated premises supervisor, MASUD RUHEL MINTU was not present. The premises was open and was undertaking licensable activities - including the sale of alcohol. One member of staff was detained and arrested due to his immigration status. Two other members of staff were also reported as they has overstayed their visa.

It is believed the person detained is in the UK illegally, has no residence and employment status and whilst employed has not being paying UK taxes or insurances.

It is further believed that their presence in the UK is as a result of serious criminal activity and is regarded as 'people smuggling'. Additionally it is believed that there is financial gain and benefit to the premises licence holder for the continual employment of people in these circumstances.

An inspection by Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue identified a number of issues which fell below the required safety standard

An inspection by Herefordshire Council Environmental Health officers identified a number of concerns with a full report to submitted in due course

Signature of applicant: 

Date: 12th October 2021

Capacity: Police Licensing Officer

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address: **West Mercia Police**
Territorial Policing Unit - Herefordshire
Hereford Police Station
Licensing Officer
Bath Street
Hereford. HR1 2HT

Telephone number(s): 01432 347102

Email: licensing.herefordshire@westmercia.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.

