

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 **Melanie Lee**

(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

The Jockey 31 -33 Baldock St	
Post town Royston	Post code (if known) SG8 5BD

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Sidney Austin
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

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) x
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)
- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

Lee

First names

Melanie

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

29 Baldock St

Post town

Royston

Post Code

SG8 5BD

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

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

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

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

The licence for the Jockey beer garden was granted on an application to make a change to an existing Licence and in effect no Notice was given to local residents. As raised by me at the time, the public notice was placed way above head height in a grimy window that was concealed by a curtain most of the time. I walk past the building every day and only noticed the Notice when it was too late to make representations. I contacted the licensing authority but they refused to permit me or my neighbours to make reps – I can provide the email correspondence if required

The beer garden is set out directly parallel to my back garden, with only the usual domestic slatted fence between me, my children and the beer garden

The pub opened during the pandemic and immediately began using the beer garden. It also immediately began serving alcohol to underage drinkers – I know this because I know many of the 16 years olds who were in there being served and they were adamant that absolutely no ID checks were carried out. This appears to have been partly covered by a new sign stating the pub will serve only over 21 year olds when it re-opens

However, given the fact that there is no door supervision and only 1 barman, it is difficult to see how this is going to be monitored

In any event, as soon as it opened there began to be anti-social behaviour emanating from it. On the first Friday when patrons began to use the pub there was a great deal of noise from the beer garden and also the front of the pub on the street pavement. There were up to 10 individuals gathered literally under my living room window and in my doorway, shouting and swearing and swigging from glass bottles they had been allowed to leave the pub carrying. When it came time to leave many were picked up by cars parked under my windows, with much slamming of doors and shouting – despite the Jockey having a carpark (I attach a sound video taken from INSIDE my house). Notably, the owner will not permit patrons to use the carpark – he locks the doors to the car park, forcing all the HMO tenants who live above the pub to park on the road outside – including a very large valeting van which parks on almost all of the pavement when the pub is open - presumably because they are aware there will be anti-social behaviour in the beer garden and they do not want to risk any damage being caused to any cars parked next to it! I awoke next day to find that my window basket flowers had been stolen – after reaching out on Royston Reporting page, they were subsequently returned to the steps of the Jockey pub. However, I ensure all flower displays etc are removed now when the pub is open.

As anticipated, on the next night - Saturday - there was a big fight in the beer garden and the pub – I could hear it all from INSIDE my house and it involved women screaming, men shouting, lots of banging and swearing and was very unpleasant and also rather frightening. Police cars arrived on sirens and the commotion continued for some time, utterly ruining the Saturday night for me, my family and my neighbours. I saw some 16 year olds whom I know talking to the Police across the road from the house late at night.

The following night it was allowed to open as usual and there were men shouting and swearing and arguing again in the beer garden and, at closing time, more men urinating on the grass verge across the road from my house. I would ask that you check CCTV of the area to see this if it is disputed. However, such behaviour arises from the fact that the licensee literally just kicks everyone into the street at 10pm, with no care whatsoever for the problems they cause local residents

Hence I would ask at the very least that there is Door Supervision to ensure that patrons leave quietly, that there are signs in the pub and the beer garden clearly asking them to show respect for the neighbours and that they are asked not to park outside neighbours' houses when picking up patrons – or, if they do – not to slam doors, shout and scream whilst doing so.

At the very least, the beer garden hours need to be restricted to 8pm, as this beer garden is infinitely closer to residential housing than any other outside space in

the area yet has had no restrictions placed upon its hours whatsoever. Ideally the beer garden will be repositioned to the right hand side of the pub as it faces the road, thereby next to an unoccupied space, namely the yard of the Fire Station. Also – Door Supervision is required to ensure patrons leave the premises quietly and respectfully and do not scream, shout, swear, swig from glass bottles, congregate in neighbours’ doorways or urinate in the street.

I would add that this has led me to place my house up for sale as I cannot face living next door to this utter chaos and not being able to use my garden or conservatory on any weekend

Please ensure my details are redacted so that my name and address is not revealed to the owners, as they are rather frightening and I am a lone female with 2 sons.

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

Please tick ✓ yes

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

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year
<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

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

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Date

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Capacity

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

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

ADDITIONAL EMAILS

Good morning, I hope this finds you well

I thought I should send a snap showing how the beer garden at the pub runs completely parallel to my garden and that of my neighbours, separated only by a garden fence, which is why restricted licensing hours and conditions on the use of the beer garden are so vital to us

Following this I will send the short video of some of the noise from the night of the fight - a different night to the video I already sent showing noise on the road and pavement under my house

Many thanks for your assistance

Melanie Lee



https://share.icloud.com/photos/0gFOAW7wFs4yxIN2uH_vVa9-w#Royston

Hello again

I attach a link to the audio video from the night when the police were called - not by me, I hasten to add - to a fight taking place inside the pub and in the beer garden. We had heard the fight from our kitchen and it was a very scary experience and it was taking place about 6 feet from our back door and we thought would spill over into our garden at one point.

Please advise me if you are unable to access this video

Thank you again for assistance

Melanie Lee
29 Baldock St

Hello Molly [REDACTED]

One Quick question - did you manage to listen to the video of people screaming and shouting outside in the street? This was the night prior to the police being called to break up the fight. I also have an audio video of the night of that fight which I can forward. [REDACTED]

Hence, no, these weren't isolated incidents - in fact similar instances occurred every evening on the weekends the pub was open. To assist, the public nuisance is as follows:

1. Congregating on the street and in the road, drinking and shouting and screaming
2. Stealing my flower display
3. Congregating in my actual doorway, drinking and shouting and banging on my door.
4. Vertical drinking in the beer garden next to my garden (parallel to the pub garden), shouting and screaming. I heard one conversation in which various men were shouting about throwing bottles at each other. This was NOT the night of the fight, this was Friday night.
5. Starting a massive fight with police being called and causing noise and distress to me and my sons
6. Public nuisance: an ongoing criminal case resulting from the fight on the Saturday night

Public Safety and protection of children

1. Serving multiple 16 year olds without checking ID
2. Violence in the street and beer garden next to my house

Crime and Disorder

1. Urinating in public on bank across the road from my house
2. Underage alcohol sales
3. Fight requiring police assistance

[REDACTED]

Nb: the main perpetrators in the fight travelled from outside the area as they were in a tier 3 area. This is more than likely to recur if the pub reopens, given that the south of Hertfordshire is now in tier 3

Finally- my neighbours are legally blind and so such noise and disruption is bringing misery and worry to all of us, especially my son, who has important exams this coming year. Hence we live in a state of perpetual alert and worry, never knowing what the night will bring and always unable to use our own garden, which I have worked hard to provide for my children

Many thanks for your assistance

Melanie Lee