

PROTECTIVE MARKING

**I am a Superintendent \* in the Metropolitan Police Service.**

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

**I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case because:**

(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)

**This application relates to an incident of a serious disorder and Violent crime at the Red Rooms, 4 Great Queen Street, WC2B 5DG.**

**On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 05:00 hours, LAS called Police to reports of a Male being bottled with an injury to the victims head. This was then updated to 'a Male has been stabbed at location'. Cris 2340145/19 and CAD 1618/15DEC19 Refers.**

**The victim was with three friends, all are [REDACTED] arriving on 14/12/2019.**

**The victim stated that a verbal argument started between himself and the suspect. He then saw the suspect produce a pocket knife and then stab him in the face.**

**CCTV shows the argument, then the suspect picks up a glass tumbler from the bar, it is not clear where the tumbler ended up. The Suspect then makes downward stabbing motions after which blood is seen on the victims coat. The Suspect is then seen folding a presumed pocket knife and putting it in his trouser pocket.**

**Injuries sustained by the victim are a stabbing to his head, neck and back. The Victim is currently in an induced coma and intubated, due to surgery in order to stop the bleeding from his neck.**

**He is in a critical condition.**

**I have considered authorising a standard review of the premises licence. I do not feel this step to be appropriate as the incident was so serious that the case must be put before a licensing committee as soon as possible in order for measures to be put in place to address the risk to the public that this venue poses. I have serious concerns regarding the management of this venue to operate without a risk to public safety. It is my view that such critical failings, highlight the deficiencies in the actions of the staff on duty and the management of the venue, which could lead to further serious violent offences.**

**Signature** [REDACTED]

**Signature:** [REDACTED]

**Date:**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2019