

OFFICIAL (when complete)**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, Chief Inspector Vanessa Foster, on behalf of Kent Police
(Insert name of applicant)

Apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises prescribed below.

(delete as applicable)

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Post town: <i>Sheerness</i>	Post code (if known) <i>ME12 1AB</i>
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Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) <i>The Charles Royal Hotels Ltd.</i>

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) <i>SHE/SWALE/189/0075</i>
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Part 2 – Applicant details

I am

Please tick yes

1) an interested part (please complete (A) or (B) below)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 a applicable)

Please tick

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

Surname

n/a

First names

n/a

Please tick yes

I am 18 years old or over

☐

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

n/a

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

n/a

Telephone number (if any)

n/a

E-mail address (optional)

n/a

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(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address: <i>Kent Police Licensing, Strategic Prevention Command Sutton Rd Maidstone ME15 9BZ</i>
Telephone number (if any) <i>01634 792733</i>
E-mail address (optional) <i>Licensing.north.division@kent.police.uk</i>

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

Please tick one or more boxes

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| 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"/> |

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Kent Police request a premises licensing review relating to The Royal Hotel, The Broadway, Sheerness, Me12 1AB.

Evidence will be submitted by Kent Police relating the licensing objectives, including:

- The Prevention of crime and disorder*
- Public Safety*
- The prevention of public Nuisance*

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Please provide as much information as possible to support the application

Kent Police have become increasingly concerned about the operation of the premises since the transfer of the premises licence to the current owners at the end of 2024. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Mr Ramesh Rajathurai, who is also listed as the company director of the Premises Licence Holder (PLH), The Charles Royal Hotel Ltd, according to Companies House records.

Since the transfer, there have been multiple serious incidents, including assaults where victims were rendered unconscious. On one occasion, individuals associated with the premises were observed chasing a person down the street while in possession of weapons. Despite a mandatory licence condition requiring the reporting of all incidents of crime and disorder, several of these events were not reported to Kent Police, constituting a clear breach of licence conditions.

Further breaches have occurred in relation to the provision of CCTV footage. On several occasions, the premises failed to supply requested footage to police, again in contravention of licence conditions. Additionally, on 16 May 2025 and 20 August 2025, the premises failed to provide training records when requested, representing further breaches.

Kent Police and local authority licensing officers have engaged in a stepped approach to address these concerns, including multiple communications, meetings and a formal warning letter issued on 22 August 2025. During these discussions, police recommended the employment of SIA-registered door supervisors to mitigate crime and disorder. Although the licence requires a risk assessment for door supervision, the premises management indicated they would consider door staff for Friday nights. However, no door supervisors have been observed to date.

Kent Police have conducted two drugs operations at the premises using a police drugs dog. The first, on 16 May 2025, resulted in multiple individuals fleeing the premises and one male being found in possession of suspected Class A drugs. The second, on 26 September 2025, revealed an escalation in drug-related activity. A female was arrested for possession of suspected cocaine and for assaulting a police officer and a police dog. Numerous individuals were searched, the most ever conducted at one venue during such an operation which we run county wide, with many of the patrons displaying hostility towards police officers.

Further searches within the disabled toilet area found around 16 transparent bags which are suspected to have contained cocaine hidden within the cistern of the toilet.

Following this incident, CCTV footage was requested on 1 October 2025 via email, telephone, and an online upload request. Despite assurances, the footage was not provided, again breaching licence conditions. During the same communication, police requested the premises apply for a licence variation to mandate door supervision on Friday and Saturday nights. No response was received, and a follow-up email sent on 8 October 2025 also went unanswered.

On 11 October 2025 at 00:35 hours, a further incident was reported involving a fight outside the premises. Council CCTV captured staff attempting to calm the situation, with individuals drinking from glasses and bottles outside. A related call described a female victim fleeing and seeking help from residents, with a vehicle reportedly attempting to strike her. Again, the premises failed to report this incident.

Kent Police's concerns regarding the management of the premises have been substantiated. Despite repeated engagement, advice, and formal warnings, the premises has failed to take meaningful action to address crime, disorder, and breaches of licence conditions. The continued failure to provide CCTV, the absence of door supervision, the association with serious criminal activity and the general inability to appropriately manage the premises have led Kent Police to conclude that the removal of the DPS would be insufficient.

Given that the DPS is also the PLH and company director, Kent Police believe that further conditions would be ignored.

Kent Police therefore request that the premises licence be revoked

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Please tick yes

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before ☐

If yes, please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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

none

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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 may be rejected

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IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent
(See guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature: *PC A. Smuts 11250*

Date: *15th October 2025*

Capacity: *Kent Police Licensing Officer.*

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)

*Medway Police Station
Purser Way*

Post town: *Gillingham*

Post code: *ME7 1NE*

Telephone number (if any) *01634 792733*

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

Licensing.north.division@kent.police.uk

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
3. The application form must be signed.
4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.