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**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.

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I, [REDACTED] acting on behalf of The Chief Constable Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Simon MEGICKS, 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

Postal address of premises or club premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

The Peacock
26 London Rd

Post town

Peterborough

Post code (if known)

PE8 2DR

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

Admiral Taverns ltd
Milton Gate
60 Chiswell Street

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London
EC1Y 4AG

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

129585

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please tick ☐ yes

I am

☐

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

a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises

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b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises

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c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

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d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

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2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

X

3) a member of the club to which this application relates
(please complete (A) below)

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

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐ title

(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

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I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ☐ yes

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**Current
address**

Post Town

Postcode

**Daytime contact telephone
number**

**E-mail
address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

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E-mail (optional)

(c) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address


Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Hinchingsbrooke Park
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE29 6NP

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail (optional)

LicensingNorth@cambs.police.uk

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

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder**

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note1)

Grounds for Review

Cambridgeshire Constabulary applies for a Review of the Premises Licence held in respect of The Peacock Public House pursuant to Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

This application is made on the grounds that the operation of the premises is undermining the following licensing objectives:

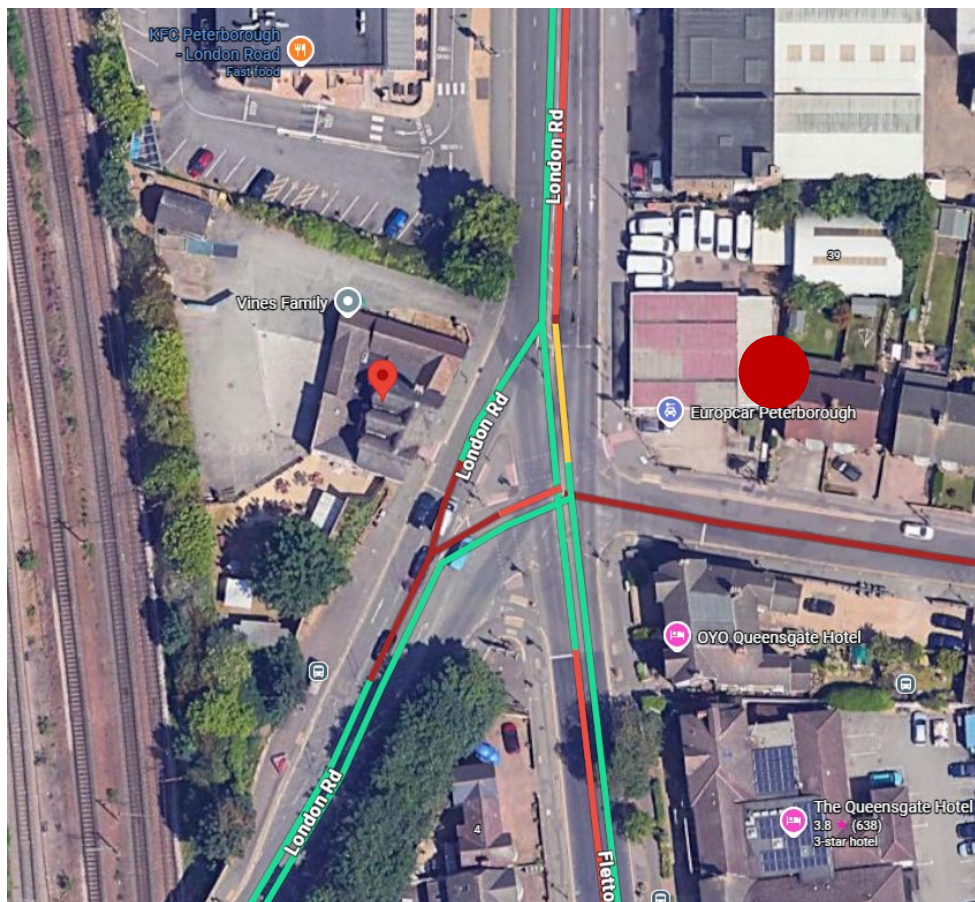
Prevention of Crime and Disorder.
Public Safety; and
Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The review arises from significant concerns relating to the promotion and management of organised boxing events at the premises and follows incidents occurring on 14 March 2026 and 4 July 2026 together with subsequent intelligence received by police. The cumulative evidence demonstrates a pattern of escalating risk, violence and disorder associated with these events which, in the view of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, requires Licensing Authority intervention.

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Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read Guidance

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Police are aware the premises has hosted several boxing events, including events held within temporary structures and under Temporary Event Notices.

Information provided by the premises has indicated attendance figures of up to approximately 200 persons together with regulated entertainment, alcohol sales and the use of marquee facilities. Such events attract competitors, promoters, supporters, associates and family groups from various geographical locations.

Whilst police recognise that boxing events can be organised safely and lawfully, they are inherently higher-risk events requiring robust management controls, effective stewarding, appropriate security provision and clear dispersal arrangements.

Recent incidents demonstrate that the controls in place at The Peacock have failed to adequately prevent disorder associated with these events.

INCIDENT EVIDENCE

Incident – 14 March 2026

During a boxing event at the premises, a boxer and promoter became involved in a confrontation following an exchange of words.

The incident escalated to a verbal and physical altercation requiring intervention from security staff. Police were subsequently informed of reports that an individual may have been in possession of a baseball bat outside the venue. Whilst this report was not substantiated and no weapon was recovered, associates of those involved remained gathered outside the venue for approximately thirty minutes following the incident.

No offences were ultimately recorded.

However, the incident demonstrated a clear risk of disorder and required active intervention by security staff to prevent further escalation.

Incident – 4 July 2026

At 21:55hrs on 4 July 2026 police received reports of significant disorder at The Peacock Public House.

The initial report described fighting involving between 15 and 50 persons, injuries including a broken nose and blood being present, together with information that security staff were unable to manage the situation. Officers attended and established the incident stemmed from a confrontation involving members of two boxing families attending the event.

Police intervention was required to restore order.

Whilst no complainants ultimately came forward and no offences were recorded; the scale of the disorder was such that police attendance became necessary after event security allegedly lost control of the situation.

On 7 July 2026 police received third-party footage which appears to show a further violent incident in the rear car park following the event. This footage is currently under review and enquiries remain ongoing. The existence of the footage has further increased police concerns regarding event management and crowd control at the premises.

POLICE ASSESSMENT

Police submit that the two incidents cannot properly be viewed in isolation.

When considered cumulatively, the evidence demonstrates:

- Escalating tensions associated with organised boxing events.
- A realistic likelihood of violence and disorder occurring.
- Inadequate controls to prevent or mitigate disorder.
- Reliance upon security intervention to prevent violence.
- Circumstances where security staff were reportedly unable to effectively manage disorder.
- The need for police deployment and intervention to restore order.
- Significant public safety concerns affecting participants, spectators, staff and the wider public.

The concerns are amplified because:

- Alcohol is available throughout the events.
- Significant numbers of spectators are present.
- Rival supporters and family groups attend.
- Emotions can run high following bouts and judging decisions.
- Large numbers of attendees leave simultaneously at the end of events

Police submit that the incident on 4 July 2026 demonstrates that the risks previously identified by police have now materialised. Confidence in the ability of the premises to safely manage future boxing events has therefore been substantially reduced.

IMPACT ON THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The incidents demonstrate a clear pattern of disorder connected to boxing events held at the premises.

Police were required to attend to restore order following reports of large-scale fighting involving up to fifty individuals. The receipt of further footage showing apparent violence after the event raises additional concerns regarding event control and dispersal arrangements.

Public Safety

The reported inability of security staff to manage the crowd, allegations of injury to attendees and the requirement for police intervention demonstrate failures which placed members of the public, staff and participants at risk of harm.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Violent disorder associated with large, organised events inevitably impacts upon the surrounding community, generates police demand and creates substantial concern for residents and businesses in the locality. The risk is heightened where large numbers attend events involving alcohol consumption.

LEGAL SUBMISSIONS

Licensing Act 2003

Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing Authority to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives.

Where those objectives are being undermined, Parliament has provided the Licensing Authority with wide-ranging powers under Sections 52 and 53C to take appropriate and proportionate steps.

These steps include:

- Modification of licence conditions.
- Exclusion of licensable activities.
- Removal of the Designated Premises Supervisor.
- Suspension of the licence.
- Revocation of the licence.

Section 182 Guidance - Updated Feb 2026

Secretary of State's Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 recognises that premises licence reviews are a key mechanism for dealing with premises that are undermining the licensing objectives. The Guidance confirms that licensing authorities should focus on the promotion of the licensing objectives and take such steps as are appropriate and proportionate in the circumstances of each case. The Guidance further recognises that where concerns relating to crime and disorder arise, licensing authorities should consider the available evidence and determine what measures are necessary to prevent future harm and promote the licensing objectives.

Hope and Glory Public House Ltd v Westminster City Council [2011] EWCA Civ 31

In Hope & Glory, the Court of Appeal confirmed that licensing authorities are entitled to make evaluative judgments in determining what steps are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

“The Court acknowledged that the licensing authority’s decision involves evaluative judgement and administrative discretion, particularly in balancing competing interests such as public nuisance and economic benefit”. [Hope and Glory Public House Ltd, R \(on the application of\) v City of Westminster Magistrates Court & Ors | England and Wales Court of Appeal \(Civil Division\) | Judgment | Law | CaseMine](#)

Police submit that principle is directly applicable in this case.

The Licensing Sub-Committee is not required to wait until serious criminality occurs or until somebody suffers significant injury before acting.

The test is whether action is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Bristol City Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court & Somerfield Stores Ltd [2009] EWHC 625 (Admin)

The High Court confirmed that licensing proceedings are preventative and protective rather than criminal.

The focus is the promotion of the licensing objectives and the future operation of the premises.

“It held that the licensing authority has discretion to impose conditions only if necessary to promote the licensing objectives, consistent with statutory guidance emphasizing necessity and proportionality.” [Bristol Council, R \(on the application of\) v Bristol Magistrates' Court | England and Wales High Court \(Administrative Court\) | Judgment | Law | CaseMine](#)

Police submit that the evidence before the Sub-Committee clearly establishes an ongoing and foreseeable risk of disorder associated with boxing events held at this premises.

Crime and Disorder – Relevant Authorities

The Licensing Objective concerning the Prevention of Crime and Disorder is broader than criminal convictions or recorded offences.

This principle is reflected within the Section 182 Guidance and recognised in licensing case law.

Licensing authorities may have regard to:

- Violence.
- Public disorder.
- Aggression.
- Intimidation.
- Fear of crime.
- Crowd management failures.
- Risks of future criminality.

Police submit that the fact no offences were ultimately charged following the incidents does not diminish the seriousness of what occurred.

The Licensing Act is concerned with prevention.

The substantial disorder reported on 4 July 2026, the requirement for police intervention, allegations that security were unable to cope, and the subsequent emergence of footage showing further violence all demonstrate significant concerns relating to the crime and disorder objective.

PROPORTIONALITY

Police have carefully considered whether informal engagement alone is sufficient.

Prior to this application, concerns have been communicated to the Licence holder and Police have expressly suggested that consideration be given to cancelling the proposed boxing event scheduled for 19 September 2026 pending a full review of management arrangements and risk controls.

Given the seriousness of the 4 July 2026 incident and the emerging pattern of disorder, Police no longer consider informal measures sufficient to adequately promote the licensing objectives.

A formal review is therefore both necessary and proportionate.

CONCLUSION AND POLICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Cambridgeshire Constabulary respectfully submits that the evidence before the Licensing Authority demonstrates that the operation and management of organised boxing and combat sport events at The Peacock Public House has undermined the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The incidents on 14 March 2026 and 4 July 2026, together with the subsequent receipt of third-party footage depicting a further incident of violence within the rear car park area, demonstrate an escalating pattern of disorder associated with such events and raise significant concerns regarding the adequacy of management controls, security arrangements and supervision of both the premises and its external areas.

Whilst Police acknowledge that no single incident should be viewed in isolation, the cumulative evidence demonstrates that foreseeable risks associated with these events have not been effectively identified, managed or mitigated. Police submit that confidence in the current management arrangements has been significantly diminished and that intervention by the Licensing Authority is now necessary to prevent further incidents and promote the licensing objectives.

Accordingly, Cambridgeshire Constabulary respectfully invites the Licensing Sub-Committee to exercise its powers under Section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 and take the following steps:

Police Recommendations

1. **Removal of the current Designated Premises Supervisor** pursuant to Section 52(4)(c) of the Licensing Act 2003.

2. **Additional condition to the Premises Licence:**

“The premises or its grounds shall not be used for the organisation, promotion, hosting or facilitation of any boxing event, white-collar boxing event, unlicensed boxing event, amateur boxing event, kickboxing event, mixed martial arts event, combat sports event, fight night, weigh-in event, martial arts contest involving competitive combat, or any similar organised sporting activity where participants engage in physical combat.”

Police submit that these measures are appropriate, proportionate and directly targeted at the activities and management failings identified within this review. Furthermore, the proposed steps are consistent with the preventative purpose of the Licensing Act 2003 and the principles established in *Hope & Glory Public House Ltd v Westminster City Council* and *Bristol City Council v Bristol Magistrates' Court*, namely that licensing authorities are entitled to take proactive measures to prevent future harm and protect the public before more serious incidents occur.

For all of the reasons outlined within this application, Cambridgeshire Constabulary respectfully requests that the Licensing Sub-Committee review the Premises Licence and implement the measures sought above as being necessary and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives of:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.
- Public Safety; and
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

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Please tick yes

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

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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

Please tick ☒ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities X 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 X will be rejected

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 (please read guidance note 4). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date.....08/07/2026

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Capacity [REDACTED] – Alcohol Licensing Officer, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

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

[REDACTED]

Licensing Officer
Thorpe Wood Police Station
Thorpe Wood

Post town

Peterborough

Post code

PE3 6SD

Telephone number (if any)

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