

Blackpool Council

APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF A PREMISES LICENCE OR CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

LICENSING ACT 2003

**Review
requested by:**

Keith Marsden on behalf of Health and Safety



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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. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I	Keith Marsden
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[insert name of person requesting review]

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 or 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.

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or club premises if any, or if none the ordinance survey map reference or description.									
Premises Name and Address	Lollys Hotel								
	26 Regent Road, Blackpool								
	Post Code	F	Y	1		4	L	Y	
State the Name of the premises licence holder or the name of the club holding the club premises certificate (if known)									
Kamran Iqbal									
Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate Reference Number (if known)								PL1988	

Part 2 – Applicant details

I am:

Please tick

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) a responsible authority (please also complete 2C below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3) a member of a club to which this application relates (also complete section 2A below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

(2A) Individual Applicants (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Title:	Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other	I am 18 years old or over	Yes	No						
Forenames						Surname								
Home address														
						Post Code								
Telephone Number						Mobile Number								
E-Mail Address														

(2B) Other Applicant or Representing Body

Name														
Address														
						Post Code								
Telephone No.														
Email Address														

(2C) Responsible Authority applicant

Name	Keith Marsden													
Address	Public Protection Division													
	Number One, Bickerstaffe Square													
	Talbot Road, Blackpool					Post Code	F	Y	1		3	A	H	
Telephone Number														
Email Address	keith.marsden@blackpool.gov.uk													

Part 3 – Reason for Review

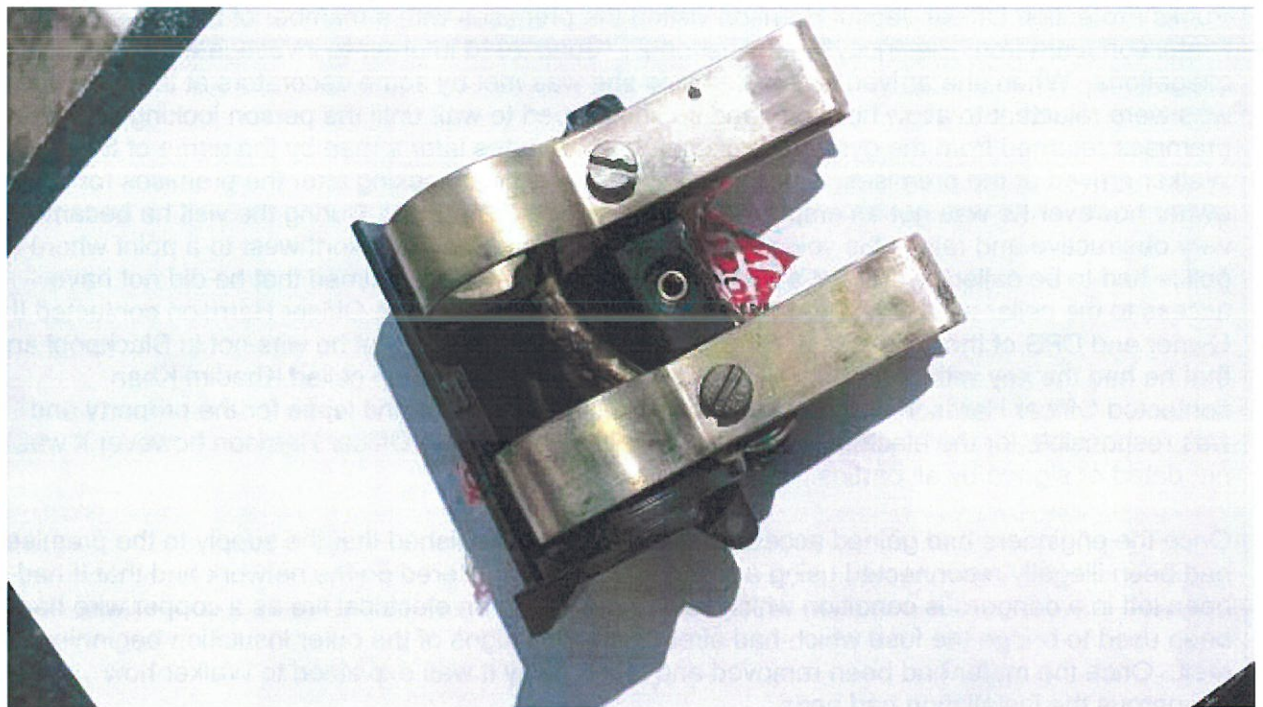
This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s):

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

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2 before completing)
<p>This premises is a small hotel located on Regent Road in Blackpool town centre.</p> <p>Following a phone call from Corona Energy Limited it was brought to our attention that the electricity supply had been disconnected at Lolly's Hotel for non-payment of a debt and allegations were made that persons at the premises had illegally re connected the supply and that it was potentially dangerous.</p> <p>Public Protection Officer Jacqui Harrison visited the premises with a member of the Revenue Protection team from Electricity Northwest on 21st June 2016 in order to investigate the above allegations. When she arrived at the premises she was met by some decorators at the front door who were reluctant to allow her entry and so she agreed to wait until the person looking after the premises returned from the gym. Approximately 15 minutes later a man by the name of Scott Walker arrived at the premises. Walker indicated that he was looking after the premises for the owner however he was not an employee and just a long term guest. During the visit he became very obstructive and raised his voice to the engineer from Electricity Northwest to a point where the police had to be called to prevent a breach of the peace. Walker claimed that he did not have access to the cellar area where the electricity supply was located so Officer Harrison contacted the Owner and DPS of the premises Kamran Iqbal. Mr Iqbal claimed that he was not in Blackpool and that he had the key with him. Approximately 45 minutes later a man called Khadim Khan contacted Officer Harrison claiming that he had recently taken on the lease for the property and was responsible for the electrics. Khan sent a lease via email to Officer Harrison however it was not dated or signed by all parties.</p> <p>Once the engineers had gained access to the cellar he established that the supply to the premises had been illegally reconnected using a rogue meter not registered on the network and that it had been left in a dangerous condition which could have led to an electrical fire as a copper wire had been used to bridge the fuse which had already showed signs of the outer insulation beginning to melt. Once the meter had been removed and taken away it was explained to Walker how dangerous the installation had been.</p> <p>The picture below shows the electricity supply connected to the rogue meter with a bypass.</p>



The picture below shows the fuse taken from the installation which has been bridged with a copper earthing wire and the burnt insulation on the cable.

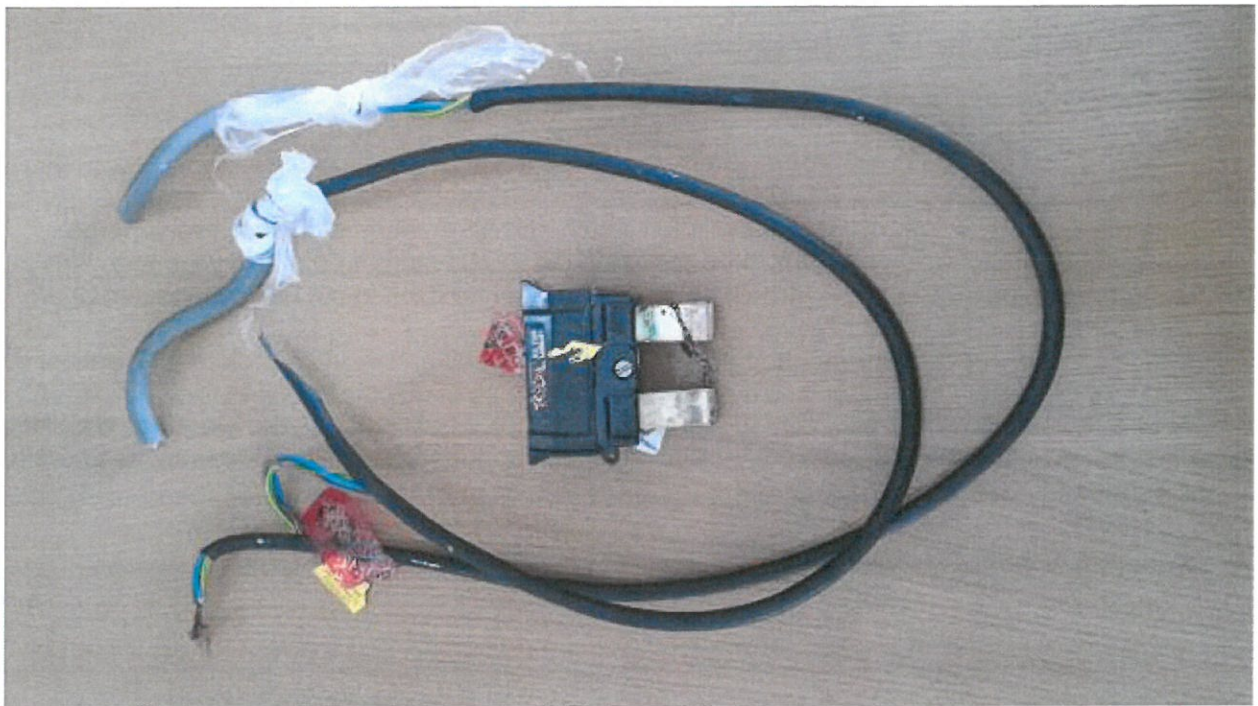


The picture above shows the fuse which had a copper wire allowing the supply to be used.

On 9th August 2016 at approximately 12.30pm I visited Lolly's Hotel following another phone call from Corona Energy Limited claiming that again the electricity supply had been illegally reconnected. I attended the property with my colleague Public Protection Officer Jacqui Harrison, PC Emma Pritchard from Police Licensing, Electricity Northwest engineers and a locksmith. When I arrived the locksmith was sat in his vehicle and he stated that a man had approached him to ask why he was there before going back into the premises and locking the door. After knocking on the door for approximately 30 minutes, shouting through the letterbox and calling the owner on the hotel telephone number with no success we decided to instruct the locksmith to gain entry to the premises as the lights in the front room were on. Once we had gained access Walker who was present at the previous visit came out of the back kitchen area and claimed that he did not hear us.

The engineers from Electricity Northwest went down into the cellar and again found that the meter had been reconnected and was operating in a dangerous condition as the wires had been twisted together with cling film and the fuse had again been bridged with a copper wire which had the potential to cause an electrical fire at the premises.

The photograph below shows the electrical wires twisted together which was used to re connect the supply.



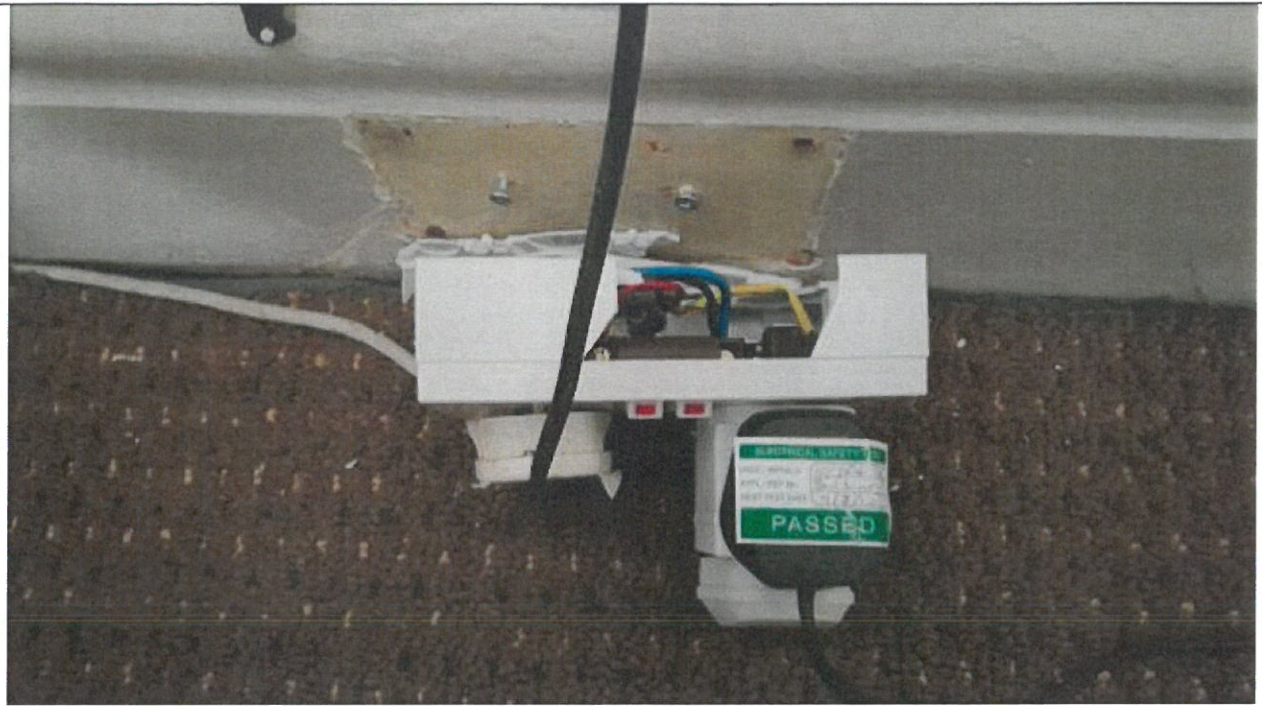
The photograph below shows the fuse which has been bridged with a copper wire.



Due to the dangerous nature of the installation which had been reconnected on two separate occasions Electricity Northwest took the decision to dig the pavement up outside the premises to and disconnect the supply in the street in order to ensure that it could not be reconnected again.

In addition to the above I entered the bar area of the premises and found a broken plug socket in the immediate vicinity of the bar which presented a high risk of electric shock to the public had they come into contact with it. I also served a prohibition notice which required the electrical installation for the premises to be tested by a competent electrician before the installation can be used once it has been re-connected by the supplier.

The photograph below shows the broken plug socket in the bar area.



Later in the afternoon of the 9th August 2016 I received a telephone call from Kamran Iqbal who was not able to tell me who had reconnected the supply on both occasions. Iqbal stated that he had not been at the premises for the past 6 months and claimed that the hotel was being managed by Khadim Khan. I explained to Iqbal that he was the DPS and should therefore be in day to day control of the premises however Iqbal claimed that the bar area was locked and that alcohol was not being offered for sale.

The photograph below shows that at the time I visited the bar was accessible and that alcohol was on display for sale.



Throughout our dealings with this premises the persons in control have been very obstructive and the DPS has been absent and not in control and upholding the licensing objectives. Despite the seriousness of the risks involved in relation to the electrical installations the supply had been dangerously reconnected on two occasions with no regard for public safety at the premises or the potential impact on neighbouring properties. I feel that this has severely undermined the Public Safety Objective of the Licensing Act 2003 and I have no confidence in the licence holders ability to manage health and safety effectively as they seem to have no consideration for the seriousness of the risks created.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. (Please read guidance note 3 before completing)

Part 4 – Other relevant information

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?	Please tick	
	Yes	No
		X
	Day	Month
If yes please state the date of that application		
		Year

If you have made representations before relating to this premises, please state what they where and when you made them.

Please tick

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.	X
I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected	X

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 5 – 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 the behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signed	<i>K Marsden</i>
Print Name	Keith Marsden
Capacity	Public Protection Officer
Date	15 th August 2016

Contact name and address for correspondence associated with this application. (Where not previously given) (See guidance note 6)

Title:	Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other	
Forenames					Surname	
Address for Correspondence associated with this application						
					Post Code	
Telephone Number					Mobile Number	
E-Mail Address						

Notes for Guidance

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