

Leicester  
City Council

**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 Noise and Pollution Control Team, Leicester City Council

**Apply for a review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below**

**Part 1 – Premises or club premises details**

<b>Postal Address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> Sophy 8 - 10 King Street Leicester	
<b>Post Town:</b> Leicester	<b>Post Code (if known):</b> LE1 6RJ

<b>Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)</b> Mr Manoj Kumar
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<b>Number of premises licence of club premises certificate (if known)</b> LEIPRM0593
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**Part 2 - Applicant details**

I am

**Please Tick Yes**

- 1) An interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below)
  - a) A person living in the vicinity of the premises
  - b) A body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises

- c) A person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
  - d) A body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises
- 2) A responsible authority (please complete C below) **YES**
- 3) A member of a club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

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

**Please tick**

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

**Surname**

**First names**

**I am 18 years old or over**

**Please tick yes**

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

**Post town**

**Post Code**

**Daytime contact telephone number**

**E-mail address (optional)**

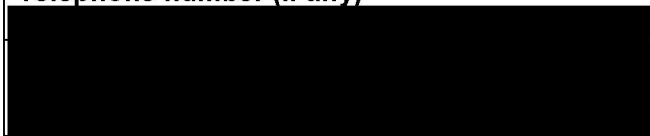
**(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT**

**Name and Address**

**Telephone Number**

**Email Address (optional)**

**(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT**

<b>Name and Address</b> Kennedy Nwokolo Leicester City Council Noise and Pollution Control Team York House 91 Granby Street Leicester LE1 6FB
<b>Telephone number (if any)</b> 

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

Please tick one or more boxes

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

**Please state the grounds for review (please see guidance note 1)**

Five nuisances have been witnessed by the noise and pollution control team from both amplified music and raised voices from people using the premises.

The first noise nuisance witnessed on 10 October 2021 at 01:55 hours and it was from amplified music escaping from the opened front door. A warning letter was served, and a site visit was made on 13 October 2021, issues discussed with the PLH.

The second noise nuisance was witnessed on 24 October 2021 at 01:15 hours from loud distinct bass beat music escaping from the rear of the premises. Another warning letter was served, and a site visit was made on 28 October 2021, issues discussed with the PLH.

The third noise nuisance was witnessed on 7 November 2021 at 01:55 hours from loud distinct bass beat music escaping from the opened front door of the premises. Another warning letter was served, and a phone call made to the PLH the following day (8 November 2021), issues discussed.

The fourth noise was witnessed on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 22:15 hours from loud distinct bass beat music escaping from the rear of the premises. An Abatement Notice was served on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. A further site visit was made on 16 December 2021 when issues discussed with the PLH.

The fifth noise nuisance was witnessed on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 23:25 hours from loud distinct bass beat music escaping from the rear of the premises.

The PLH has undertaken works to provide a lobby to the front of the premises and to add some level of sound proofing to the rear. Unfortunately, the steps taken have not prevented noise nuisance recurring.

**To prevent public nuisance from amplified music and patron noise recurring, I therefore formally request a review of the premises licence for Sophy, 8 - 10 King Street, Leicester to**

- 1) Reduce the opening hours from 11:00 – 07:00 Monday – Sunday to 11:00 – 01:00 Mon - Sunday and
- 2) Request that noise limiters are installed to both the ground floor and basement sound systems:

All amplified music and voice on the premises shall be played through a noise limiting device which is installed, fitted and maintained in such a manner as to control all sources of amplified music and voice at the premises. The level shall be set to the agreement of the Noise and Pollution Team to prevent noise nuisance being caused to the public, and the agreed level shall not be exceeded without the agreement of the Noise and Pollution Control Team. Once the device is set it should be inaccessible to anyone on the premise other than the licence holder.

**Please provide as much information as possible to support the application**

The Noise and Pollution Team have received noise complaints regarding Sophy, 8 - 10 King Street, Leicester from 4 properties in the vicinity since 13 September 2021. We have since witnessed five noise nuisances from the premises.

On the 10 October 2021, a call to the service was received at 01:36 hours regarding noise from amplified music at Sophy, officers then attended complainant's property at 01:55 hours, where loud music was observed emanating from the opened front entrance door. Officer was satisfied that music was unreasonable and affecting the complainant from sleeping. A warning letter was served 13 October 2021, and a site visit was made on 13 October 2021, issues discussed with the PLH. PLH agreed to install a lobby door system after advised was given.

A further complaint was received to the service on 24 October 2021 at 00:54 hours regarding loud music, officers then attended complainant's property at 01:15 hours, where loud distinct bass beat music was observed escaping from the rear of the premises. Officer was satisfied that music was unreasonable and affecting the complainant from sleeping. Another warning letter was served 28 October 2021, and a site visit was made on 28 October 2021, issues discussed with the PLH. PLH agreed to seal some noticeable holes at the rear and promised to install self-closers at the rear doors.

On the 7 November 2021, a call to the service was received at 01:40 hours regarding noise from amplified music at Sophy, officers then attended complainant's property at 01:55 hours, where loud music was observed emanating from the opened front entrance door. Officer was satisfied that music was unreasonable and affecting the complainant from sleeping. A warning

letter was served 11 November 2021, and a phone call made on 8 November 2021, issues discussed with the PLH. PLH promised to monitor the situation a bit better as it is a management issue.

Another complaint was received to the service on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 21:15 hours regarding loud music, officers then attended complainant's property at 22:22 hours, where loud distinct bass beat music was observed escaping from the rear of the premises. Officer was satisfied that music was unreasonable and affecting the complainant from sleeping. An Abatement Notice was served on the PLH (Mr Manoj Kumar) and DPS (Mr Jack Dorman) On 17 November 2021, and a site visit made on 16 December 2021, issues discussed with the PLH.

Lastly, two calls were received to the service by the same complainant on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 22:00 hours & 23:15 hours regarding loud music, officers then attended complainant's property at 22:25 hours & 23:25 hours, where loud distinct bass beat music was observed on both occasions escaping from the rear of the premises. Officer was satisfied on both occasion that music was unreasonable and affecting the complainant from sleeping

Sophy is located in a mixture of residential and commercial area. However, majority of the Local flats and houses do not include acoustic glazing sufficient to mitigate such noise levels, nor additional ventilation that permits windows to remain closed. Consequently, during late at night and early hours of the morning, noise from recorded music played at a volume typical of such entertainment venue, prevent the normal and reasonable use of local properties.

It is therefore, recommended the premises licence is reviewed and conditions (as recommended above) added to the licence to ensure further noise nuisances are not caused to occupiers of close by residential properties especially to the adjoining residential units.

**Please tick yes**

Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before?    **No**   

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**

Not applicable

**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 yes
  
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected yes

**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  .....

Date 20  .....

Capacity Pollution Control Officer  
.....

<b>Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
<b>Post Town</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
<b>Telephone number for correspondence (if any)</b>	
<b>If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)</b>	

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**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.