NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee will be held on

Thursday, 6 January 2011 at 11:00 am

in The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Northampton to hear the relevant representations and notices raised in respect of

Eastern District Social Club, Crestwood Road, Northampton, NN3 8JJ

PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING

- **Welcome** Chairman welcomes the Applicant, Representors, Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties and introduces members of the sub-committee (+ other officers e.g. Solicitor, Licensing Officer, Meetings Services clerk etc).
- Reason for Hearing to be outlined by the Licensing Officer or the Chair.
- Format of the hearing an explanation of the format of the proceedings:
 - 1. **Applicant** (or his/her representative) will address the sub-committee first and put their case.
 - 2. **The Chair** leads an examination of the **Applicant's case.** First, the panel may ask questions and then the Chair invites Responsible and Interested Parties to participate. Questions may only relate to the points made by the applicant.
 - 3. **The Representors** (and responsible and Interested Parties) then state their case.
 - 4. The Chair leads an examination of the Representor's case.

Each party will be given an equal maximum period of time in which to present their case and may, if given permission by the Chair, question any other party.

- Summing Up
 - By the Representors
 - By the Applicant
- **Sub-committee retires** and may call for the Solicitor for advice if required.
- Sub-Committee deliver their decision and reasons for their decision at the conclusion of the meeting IF:
 - 1. Application for conversion of existing licence
 - 2. Application for conversion of existing club certificate
 - 3. Application by holder of justices' licence for grant of personal licence
 - 4. Application for conversion and variation of premises licence (including variation of DPS)
 - 5. Application for conversion and variation of club premises certificate
 - 6. Counter notice following police objection to temporary event notice
 - 7. Review of Premises Licence following Closure Order

In all other cases, the Sub-committee delivers its decision and reasons for its decision within five working days beginning with the day on which the hearing was held.

Agenda Item 1

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 Police Constable 113 D.Bryan (Insert name of applicant) 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, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description The Eastern District (North) Social Club, Crestwood Road, Post town Northampton Post code (if known) NN3 8JJ Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Eastern District (North) Social Club Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known CP0041 Northampton Borough Council 11 107 200 Part 2 - Applicant details LICENSING l 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 X 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

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(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Police Constable 113 D.Bryan
C/O Campbell Square Police Station,
The Mounts,
Northampton, NN1 3EL.
Telephone number (if any)
03000 111 222
E-mail address (optional) david.bryan@northants.police.uk
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 nuisance4) the protection of children from harm
Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1) I Police Constable 113 D.Bryan call for the Review of the Club Premises Certificate
for the Eastern District Social Club. I act on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police Mr
Lee. I call for this Review under the Licensing Objective of the Prevention of Crime and
Disorder. Please read attached statement from myself in respect of
Northamptonshire Police's evidence. Northamptonshire Police would respectfully ask that the Licensing Sub Committee
consider Revocation in the first instance if the Committee finds in favour of this
application.

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

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Notes for Guidance

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1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.

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- 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.

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WITNESS STATEMENT					
(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A (3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)					
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Statement of: David BRYAN					
Age if under 18: 0/18 (if over 18 type 'over 18') Occupation: Police Constable 113					
This statement (consisting of page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true. Signature: Date:					
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [(supply witness details on rear)					
I am currently a serving Police Officer with Northamptonshire Police, my role is that of Licensing Officer for the Borough of Northampton. I carry out this duty with the authorisation and on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police Mr Lee.					
I am calling for a Review of the Premises Licence for the Eastern District Social Club under the Licensing Objective of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, I will detail my reasons below.					
Operation Novik was a Northamptonshire Police intiated investigation conducted by the Organised Crime Unit, and concerned the infiltration, disruption, and eventual prosecution of an organised crime group, who had been identified as dealing in wholesale amounts of cocaine, distribution of counterfeit notes, and the large scale theft and handling of stolen goods. This report will deal with those specific parts of the enquiry that centred around the Eastern District Social Club. The investigation led to the deployment of Law Enforcement Undercover officers (UCO). The principal UCO is known under the pseudonym Ray and referred to in this report as UCO Ray. The supporting female UCO is known under the pseudonym Jo (UCO JO).					
Operation Novik resulted in the following sentences:					
Carl BURGESS 13.5 years Class A Drugs 12 years Counterfeit currency 1.5 years} Concurrent Consecutive Counterfeit currency 1.5 years Handling Stolen Goods 1.5 years					
Total 15 years					
Kevin BELL 11.5 years					
Class A Drugs 9 years Handling Stolen Goods 2.5 years <u>Consecutive</u>					
Total 11.5 years					
Raymond TAUCHERT 8 years					
Class A Drugs 8 years Handling Stolen Goods 1 year <u>Consecutive</u>					
Total 9 years					

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Class A Drugs

6 years

Handling Stolen Goods

6 Months

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Total 6.5 years

Lloyd SHERLOCK 5 years 4 months

Class A Drugs Class A Drugs 5 years 4 months

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Concurrent

Total 5 years 4 months

Delroy RAYMOND 3 years 4 months

Class A Drugs

3 years 4 months

Assault ABH

8 months x2 concurrent

Consecutive

Total 4 years

Wayne RILEY 5 years

Class A Drugs

5 years

Handling Stolen Goods

16 months x2 concurrent

Consecutive

Total 6 years 4 months

Mark DUNCAN 5 years

Class A Drugs

3 years 4 months

Handling Stolen Goods

1 year 8 months

Consecutive

Total 5 years

Dean HENRY 4.5 years

Class A Drugs

4.5 years

Total 4.5 years

Teresa SHAW 10 months

Handling Stolen Goods 10/11/2010.

10 months suspended for 12 months, 250 hours unpaid work, £1000.00 costs to be paid by

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His Honourable Judge Wide QC made comments in his sentencing on the 10th of May 2010 regards the conduct and the management of the Eastern District Social Club and was made aware that these matters would be reported.

Confiscation hearings are now in hand to resolve the issues of confiscating the large wealth, often hidden, derived from

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this criminality.

Explanation of Evidential 'Events'.

The summary of this evidence is presented as 'Events' as well as actual drug supply 'Deals'. The supply of drugs was often negotiated by the UCO with the defendants or combination of defendants, over a period of days and also incorporated other aspects of criminality such as the supply of counterfeit currency, or stolen goods.

15th August 2008

Conversation with Teresa SHAW concerning handling stolen property and Kevin BELL financing the Eastern District Social Club.

At 21:54hrs, UCO Ray and UCO Jo attended the Eastern District Social Club and met Teresa SHAW. A conversation takes place where SHAW states that she permits the sale of stolen property from the premises. She also states that whilst she is the manager of the Eastern District Social Club, it is actually owned by her brother, Kevin BELL.

2nd of October 2008

Approximately 12:47hrs, UCO Ray met WANT in the pre-arranged location. WANT got into the passenger side of UCO Ray's vehicle and placed a 'small white knotted bag containing a dark substance' into the centre console. WANT then discussed supplying a further nine ounces of heroin and four and a half ounces of cocaine. Arrangements were made for that to be supplied at the Eastern District Social Club at 18:00hrs the following day.

3rd of October 2008

At 12:23hrs following receipt of a text message from WANT, UCO Ray dialled WANT, during the conversation WANT stated that nine ounces of heroin were available, he was unaware of the price, but they arranged to meet at the Eastern District Social Club after WANT had finished work.

15th to the 17th of November 2008

The supply of stolen clothing from Blacks warehouse valued at approximately £3,500.00 sold for £1000.00 by BELL, SHAW, and RILEY.

This evidence will illustrate:

That SHAW arranged the sale of stolen jackets

BELL offered to supply heroin

15th November 2008

At 18:10hrs, following a missed call from SHAW, UCO Jo called her back, during the call, SHAW stated that she was trying to call UCO Ray as she had some business for him. At 19:10hrs, UCO Jo called SHAW again, during the call, SHAW stated that she had some clothing that UCO Ray may be interested in. UCO Jo informed her that UCO Ray would call her the following day.

16th November 2008

At 10:44hrs UCO Ray called SHAW, during the call, she informed him that she had arranged a large quantity of 'North Face' and 'Berghaus' jackets for sale, she quoted £50.00 for a jacket worth £230.00. At 11:03hrs UCO Ray called SHAW again, during the call UCO Ray stated that he would purchase £600.00 worth of jackets. SHAW stated that she would arrange for her brother Kevin BELL to supply the jackets.

17th November 2008

At 08:43hrs, UCO Ray sent SHAW a text message informing her that he would be in Northampton by 12 noon and asking her to arrange for BELL to meet him.At 09:56hrs UCO Ray sent SHAW another text message in which he ordered 24

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jackets. At 11:23hrs UCO Ray called SHAW during the conversationshe stated that she would call BELL and see where he was. There followed a number of text messages between UCO Ray and SHAW in which SHAW informed UCO Ray that BELL was busy and would call later. At 16:20hrs UCO Ray received a call, the caller identified himself as Kevin BELL, he explained that he had got 'loads of stuff' and had picked a few bits for UCO Ray worth £3,500.00, they arranged to meet at the Eastern District Social Club.

Approximately 16:50hrs, UCO Ray drove to the Eastern District Social Club, upon arrival he dialled BELL and informed him he was outside. UCO Ray saw BELL exit the club from a side door with RILEY. BELL showed UCO Ray three boxes containing 'North Face' and 'Berghaus' jackets. UCO Ray paid him £1000.00 for them, BELL explained 'I've got loads of them' and stated he would sell UCO Ray more if required, offering £16.000.00 worth for £5.000.00. He stated that they were stolen from Blacks warehouse, that he had a security guard who facilitated the thefts. He added that the company were unaware of the theft and would remain so until they conducted a stock take. They also discussed the supply of heroin, BELL stated 'I can get that for you' and that UCO Ray should 'give him a shout and he would sort something out for him'. UCO Ray explained a problem of supply of heroin he had with Lloyd SHERLOCK. BELL immediately stated that he knew the supplier and suggested he should deal with BELL and cut SHERLOCK out of the deal.

At 17:45hrs UCO Ray handed the three boxes containing the jackets to Detective Constable Eady, examination of the contents revealed 34 assorted 'North Face' and 'Berghaus' jackets with a retail value of between £100.00 and £200.00 each. Examination of the boxes, packaging and labelling on the jackets, clearly identify them as originating from Blacks warehouse, Swan Valley Industrial Estate, Northampton.

19th of November 2008 and the 21st of November 2008

On the 19th of November 2008 at 15:59hrs UCO Ray called Kevin BELL and they arranged to meet at the Eastern District Social Club in 15 minutes, at approximately 16:15hrs UCO Ray arrived in the car park of the Eastern District Social Club. UCO Ray saw BELL exit the club from a side door with a short ginger haired male aged between 18 and 25 years. BELL directed UCO Ray to a white van parked on the car park. From within this vehicle BELL and the male removed 8 cardboard boxes and placed them in UCO Ray's vehicle. As they did so, both BELL and the other male took turns in showing UCO Ray the contents. They contained a selection of 'Berghaus' and and 'North Face' jackets as well as a number of 'North Face Hoodies'. UCO Ray paid BELL £3000.00 for the jackets. At 16:40hrs UCO Ray handed the 8 boxes and contents to DC Eady, examination of the contents revealed 84 assorted 'North Face' and 'Berghaus' jackets and 15 'North Face' hoodies with a retail value of £100.00 and £200.00 each for the jackets and £50.00 for the hoodies. Examination of the boxes, packaging and labelling on the jackets, clearly identify them as originating from Blacks warehouse, Swan Valley Industrial Estate, Northampton.

At 21:15hrs on the 21st of November 2008 UCO Ray and a fellow UCO (Kenny) visited the Eastern District Social Club, they both entered the social club and engaged Teresa BELL in conversation. During which Teresa BELL confirmed to UCO Kenny that the jackets supplied by her brother Kevin BELL were genuine and had come from the warehouse.

30th of November 2008

At 16:15hrs, UCO Ray and UCO Jo visited the Eastern District Social Club. Whilst there they spoke to Teresa SHAW who stated her brother Kevin BELL was in possession of more stolen jackets and other clothing.

4th of December 2008

At 13:34hrs UCO Ray received a call from Kevin BELL during the call they agreed to meet at the Eastern District Social Club. Approximately 14:40hrs UCO Ray drove to the car park of the Eastern District Social Club, UCO Ray noticed BELL in a van with an associate. All three left their vehicles and BELL assisted UCO Ray in selecting a quantity of jackets and t-shirts from the rear of BELL's van, UCO Ray paid £600.00. During the meeting BELL informed UCO Ray that he had been in possession of a total of £70,000.00 worth of stolen jackets. BELL and UCO Ray then discussed the supply of cocaine.

At 15:15hrs, UCO Ray handed a box containing the clothing to DC Eady, examination of the contents revealed 17 assorted 'North Face' and 'Berghaus' jackets and a quantity of 'North Face' t-shirts. Examination of the box, packaging and labelling on the jackets clearly identified them as originating from Blacks warehouse, Swan Valley Industrial Estate in Northampton.

7th of December 2008

At 12:47hrs UCO Ray arranged on the phone with Teresa SHAW to meet her at the Eastern District Social Club in relation

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to commodities that UCO Ray had for sale. At 21:55hrs UCO Ray arrived at the Eastern District Social Club and immediately saw BELL and BURGESS talking together in the foyer of the club. UCO Ray joined them in conversation. They discussed the stolen clothing supplied by BELL and the supply of counterfeit currency by BURGESS who stated that he did not have any notes at the present time but would be getting counterfeit coins soon. Later BELL and RILEY and others ushered UCO Ray into the members bar of the club. Later in the evening BELL was seen by UCO Ray to be taking cocaine, BELL offered cocaine to use immediately to UCO Ray who declined.

29th January 2009

During the day UCO Ray exchanged a number of text messages with BELL. These related to bell returning from holiday and UCO Ray requesting 2 ounces of cocaine and informing BELL that he had a quantity of alcohol for sale.

30th January 2009

At 11:03hrs UCO Ray phone BELL during the conversation BELL discussed the alcohol UCO Ray had for sale. BELL stated he would discuss the matter and call UCO Ray back. At 11:07hrs Bell called UCO Ray back, during the conversation, UCO Ray ordered 2 ounces of cocaine from BELL. BELL stated that he and his father were interested in the alcohol UCO Ray had for sale and they agreed to meet at the Eastern District Social Club. UCO Ray made and received aurther calls with BELL which concerned arrangements to meet at the Eastern District Social Club. Approximately 14:43hrs, UCO Ray drove to the Eastern District Social Club, where he met BELL he introduced UCO Ray to his father. BELL and his father agreed to purchase a quantity of alcohol from UCO Ray for £500.00. At 14:58hrs whilst in the club, UCO Ray discussed the supply of the 2 ounces of cocaine with BELL, during which BELL stated 'I will make a call and grab it now'. At 15:11hrs UCO Ray observed BELL answering the door to the club. He saw him speak with a male. BELL then motioned and mouthed to UCO Ray 'It's here' UCO Ray followed BELL out of the club to car in the car park of the club UCO Ray was handed a hard white substance in cling film. They discussed the price agreed that the alcohol was worth £500.00 therefore the cost of the drugs supplied was an additional £500.00. UCO Ray handed BELL £500.00 in cash before BELL exited the vehicle.

At 15:30hrs UCO Ray handed the white substance to DC Eady, on the 2nd of February 2009 Detective Sergeant Mann handed the white substance to forensic for examination. This revealed that the content was cocaine.

3rd February 2009

At 13:06hrs UCO Ray phoned BELL during the conversation BELL stated that he possibly had three satellite navigation systems for sale. At 20;58hrs UCO Ray received a call from BELL to discuss the price of the three 'sat navs' BELL stated that he purchased them from a security guard as a 'way in' to secure more stolen property. They arrange to meet later at the Eastern District Social Club, at 21:30hrs UCO Ray meets BELL in the car park of the club and is handed the three Garmin 'sat navs' UCO Ray paid £170.00 for them.

The above mentioned incidents are an illustration of members of the BELL family being involved in the management and funding of the Eastern District Social Club. It also illustrates that the club has been an integral part of this criminal investigation and is a centre for organised crime. It is the opinion of the Organised Crime Unit that the high level of criminality associated with the club is the reason it has remained open. The club according to the Organised Crime Unit has been subject to a number of County Court Judgements (CCJ's) and was trading at a loss. The Undercover Law Enforcement agents infiltrated the gang, and a number of drug deals were conducted and arranged at the Eastern District Social Club which is run by Teresa SHAW (aka BELL).

The police operation ran from July 2007 and the arrests were made in March 2009, conviction and sentence was March/April 2010. Teresa SHAW herself featured in a sub-operation involving undercover officers which ran from May 2008 to March 2009, and this was the main evidence used against all the others such as BELL and BURGESS. During the operation almost £360,000.00 worth of stolen goods was attributed to Kevin BELL and he actually sold £20,500.00 worth of cocaine to the UCO's, he offered to supply a similar figure also, but the deals never materialised. It should be noted that these figures are just what the police purchased during the undercover operation, not the whole of BELL's supply business.

As of the 21st of April 2010 the committee of the Eastern District Social Club consisted of the following persons:

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Michael BELL John MILLS Mary BELL

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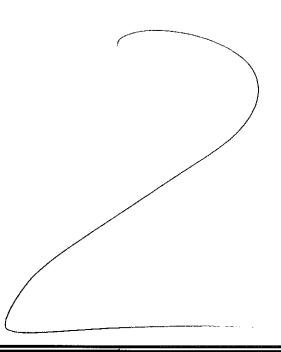
Teresa BELL (President) Adriana COOK (Vice President) Lynn GORDON (Secretary) Sean MITCHELL (Treasurer)

Committee Persons

Barbara DUNNE Terry BUTCHART Deirdre NAYLOR James HAMILL Kenny GORDON Peter LAVERY Damian MAIRS Kevin McDONALD Mary NORWOOD Carol GILES

It is the opinion of Northamptonshire Police that the level of criminality associated with the Eastern District Social Club warrants the Club Premises Certificate being revoked. It is a suggestion to the Licensing Sub Committee that as is clear to see members of the BELL family are involved in the management of the club, it has also been detailed that Kevin BELL owns the premises. Northamptonshire Police hold the opinion that if members of the committee were not involved in this high level of criminality at the club, then they were complicite to it. All the suspects have been found guilty in a court of law and sentenced, the Crown Prosecution Service have been consulted in relation to disclosure of the above information at a public hearing, and have agreed that these matters can be heard now that the sentences have been passed. It should also be noted that the evidence quoted in this statement was evidence used at Crown Court to obtain the successful prosecutions (I used extracts that are pertinent to the Eastern District Social Club clearly there is much more in relation to the entire operation).

There has been a delay in submission of these Review papers due to the complex investigation in relation to these persons and premises, and Northamptonshire Police had to be sure that all criminal matters had been successfully dealt with before making them public in the Review forum so as not to compromise any further prosecutions.



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Our ref: STE\JS\075967.00001
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For the attention of Mr Bayliss Customer Service Centre Northamptonshire County Council John Dryden House 8-10 The Lakes Northampton NN4 7YD By post and fax 01604 838496

08 December 2010

Dear Sir

Re: Application to review the Club Premises Certificate relating to the Eastern District (North) Social Club

We act for the Eastern District (North) Social Club. The Eastern District (North) Social Club holds a Club Premises Certificate that is the subject of a review application brought by the Licensing Officer, PC Bryan, of Northamptonshire Police Force.

PC Bryan, on behalf of the Chief Constable, makes an application for a review of the Club Premises Certificate, advocating at paragraph C of the application and in his supporting statement that the Club Premises Certificate should be revoked. The review is due to be held on the 9th of January 2011 at Guild Hall.

Please accept this letter as notice that Mr Stevens, a solicitor with our firm, will attend the aforementioned hearing to make representations on behalf of the Club.

The grounds of the Police application are (briefly) that criminal activity has taken place in the Club and on the Club's property. Senior members of the club have undertaken the criminal activity and the committee members have been complicit in that criminality.

The Eastern District (North) Social Club opposes the Police application on the following grounds:

 The application is manifestly disproportionate in all of the circumstances and amounts to no more than a "guilty by association" argument.

Northamptonshire Police are "of the opinion that if members of the committee were not involved in this high level of criminality at the club, then they were complicit[e] to it." The suggestion that the Committee Members were complicit in the criminality should be disregarded. Complicit means to participate in a questionable act or crime. The Committee Members are deeply offended by this stated opinion. This opinion has simply cast baseless accusations on all members of the Club and particularly the 10 committee members whom are wholly innocent of any wrong doing whatsoever. If the police had evidence that any committee members aided, abetted or procured the offences mentioned in the Licensing Officer's statement or acted on the basis of joint enterprise, then they would have been prosecuted.





The application is excessive and disproportionate due to the fact that it is based on the grossly offensive opinion, regarding the committee members, held by the applicant. An application based on such on an opinion has no merit.

Moreover, the investigation concluded in March 2009. The application to review the Club Premises Certificate was submitted 21 months after the investigation concluded. The fact that there has been no other incident in the last 21 months is evidence that the Police submission, that the Licensing Sub-Committee should withdraw the Certificate, is unnecessary, disproportionate and in all the circumstances manifestly excessive.

- The withdrawal of the licence would adversely affect the local community and the estimated 290
 members of the Club. Penalising so many for the actions of a few is unjust and excessive
 disproportionate. The club members have collected a petition with 165 signatures in support of their
 Club.
- 4. The application purports to be relevant to one of the licensing objectives, namely the prevention of crime and disorder. The police have duly dealt with that issue by successfully prosecuting those involved in the criminality. The fact that the investigation has been successful will deter any other would be wrongdoer from committing crime on the Club premises. The objective has been met and the fact that there have been no other incidents in the last 21 months speaks to that issue.
- Modifying the conditions of the licence/suspending the Certificate would seriously damage the chances of the Club moving into profit and clearing its debts.

The Eastern District (North) Social Club provides valuable community facilities to members and non members. Those facilities cannot be replaced if it was unable to continue in its present capacity. The Club has a safe affordable function room that regularly accommodates weddings, christenings, wakes and anniversaries. The Club hosts a football team, two pool teams and a ladies darts team. The Club hosts bingo and line dancing nights and is very family orientated. The Club members also regularly support charities with raffles.

The police application advocating the revocation of the Club Premises Certificate is attempting to penalise the Club members retrospectively. The application would have been more relevant 21 months ago but due to intelligence issues and the police decision to preserve evidence for the trials, it has been delayed. It is therefore plain that the application is looking backwards and based on those circumstances that prevailed many months ago. The applicant has not enquired or produced any evidence that there is an ongoing problem or even if the application is relevant today. There is no continuing criminality, the offenders have been dealt with and excluded from being members. The review on January 9 2011 will look to the future and consider what could be done to ensure compliance with the licensing objectives. On the face of it there is no obvious condition or modification to the Certificate required in the absence of any evidence that the licensing objectives are not being met today.

On behalf of the Eastern District (North) Social Club members we respectfully suggest that the police application should fail and that no modification to the Certificate is required.

Yours faithfully

hc solicitors LLP

jason.stevens@hcsolicitors.co.uk

PETITION

To. The Licensing Department, Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

Re: The Eastern District (North) Social Club, Premises Licence/Club Certificate Review

The Eastern District (North) Social Club provides valuable community facilities to members, and non-members, that local pubs, community centres and other clubs cannot replicate or replace if it were to be closed down.

Our function room is a safe and affordable place that regularly accommodates Wedding Receptions, Christenings, Funeral We have a Football Team, two Pool Teams and a Ladies Darts Team.

Amongst other things, we have Bingo Nights, Line Dancing and even provide a place for a Local Band to practice. As a SOCIAL Club, unlike many other clubs, we are very 'family' orientated, and have designated areas for parents where their children can play safely and under supervision. The club provides, or the members donate, all play equipment. We often hold seasonal raffles, such as the Christmas Raffle, for example, where the proceeds go to an open Children's' Christmas Party, where every child gets a present, as well as free food and entertainment

All of this is would be impossible without the dedication and generosity of the club members and the committee, who regularly donate their time, expertise and energy into keeping our club going as a non profit, but valuable, community resource These facilities will be lost, all that hard work wasted and there will be untold damage to our local community if the Licensing Authority decide to withdraw our licence.

We understand that there were a few individuals that attracted the attention of the police in the past, and who had, or still have, certain associations to the club, and that this is the reason for the upcoming review, however we submit that firstly: Those individuals have been dealt with accordingly by law. Secondly: It would be wholly wrong to impose any punitive judgement on our club, where those adversely affected would be the vast majority of totally innocent members and non

We, the undersigned, petition the Licensing Authority to take into consideration all of the above, and to take into account the individual signatures herein, as comprising just a small sample of the many individuals who could be affected by a negative decision. We respectfully request the continuation and/or renewal of The Eastern District (North) Social Club, Premises Licence and/or Club Certificate with, or without, condition:

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(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A (3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)				
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Statement of: David Bryan				
Age if under 18: O/18 (if over 18 type 'over 18') Occupation: POLICE CONSTABLE 113				
This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.				
Signature: Date: RAD ECENCEL LOIG				
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)				
I am currently a serving Police Constable with Northamptonshire Police, my role is that of Licensing Officer responsible for the Borough of Northampton. I carry out my duites with the authorisation of the Chief Officer of Police Mr Lee.				
I am submitting this statement as additional information for the Licensing Sub Committee of Northampton Borough Council in relation to the Review Hearing for the Eastern District Social Club, Northampton.				
I will detail an intelligence log which is held on Northamptonshire Police's Intelligence System, the log number is 26833060 and the date of the log is the 5th of October 2010. The intelligence/information was submitted to Northamptonshire Police by Crimestoppers, this is a national charity that allows members of the public to provide information about criminal activity, they can do this annoymously if they wish to do so.				
The information is as follows:				
Drugs Trafficking/Theft, Northamptonshire.				
Teresa Bell who is both the Barmaid and part owner of the Eastern District Social Club, Northamptonshire (Exact address unknown) is known to be dealing Canabis and Cocaine to users from behind the bar of the Social Club and is also said to be managing to steal her gas and electric supply at the club having somehow passed the meters.				
Bell is also known to currently have a Sky Sports TV package installed within the living quarters above the club although this is said to have also be rerouted and is being used in the main bar itself (Exact Details Unknown).				
Activity at the pub is known to take place during opening hours with Bell dealing the drugs openly from behind the bar.				
The Club is known to be owned by Bell and numerous other members of her family (Details unknown) who are all also believed to be involved in the criminal activity taking place there.				
It is not known where the drugs maybe being sourced, stored or how much they may be being sold and purchased for.				
No exact details surrounding the living quarters above the club are known other that the Bell family are believed to be renting the rooms out to other people (Details and number of individuals unknown).				
Certain members of the Bell family (Names and details unknown) are also known to travel abroad to Spain (Exact location unknown) every two weeks (Dates unknown) but always return via Ireland and Scotland.				
The exact reasons for these trips is unkown.				
Bell is described as a white female, 30 years of age, 5ft 4inchs tall, medium build with shoulder length dark colured hair and dresses casually.				

Signature:	Signature witnessed by:

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Continuation of statement of: David Bryan	
No further information could be provided.	
Teresa Bell Bn 17-Jun-1973 Eastern District North Social Club, Crestwood Road, Northampton, NN38JJ	
Log ends.	

Signature:

Signature witnessed by: ___

IN THE CROWN COURT AT NORTHAMPTON

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Northampton Combined Court Centre 85/87 Lady's Lane Northampton NN1 3HQ

10th May 2010

Before:

HIS HONOUR JUDGE WIDE

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-v-DANIEL A WANT KEVIN JOHN BELL DEAN HENRY TERESA BELL

(Transcribed from tape by Ubiqus Official Court Reporters Clifford's Inn, Fetter Lane. London EC4A 1LD Tel: 0207 269 0370 Fax: 0207 405 9884)

MS D HERBERT appeared for the Prosecution.
MR F GOW appeared for Defendant WANT
MR T METZER for Defendant KEVIN BELL
MR M LOWE for Defendant HENRY
MR A CHAUDHURI for Defendant TERESA BELL

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JUDGE WIDE: The defendant can all remain seated.

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Kevin Bell, Daniel Want, Dean Henry; you were all involved in the most despicable trade. What you were engaged in for profit, simply to enrich yourselves, is something which causes death and almost limitless human misery; and people who involve themselves in this trade must expect to get stiff prison sentences, sometimes very long, sometimes very long prison sentences depending on the degree of involvement.

It is an absolute social curse – the drugs trade.

Kevin Bell, you are now 27, you have been before the Courts before, but for nothing comparably serious, but nonetheless you have been before the Courts before. I have considered, of course, the references and your own letter and the documents which set out the work you have been doing in Prison. I take into account that you pleaded guilty, something I will return to in a moment.

You obviously made a great deal of money from this despicable trade that you entered into to enrich yourself at the expense of other people's misery. It is plain, and I have considered your basis of plea and I have also considered the Crown's response to it, the prosecution response to the basis of plea, submitted on behalf of the above defendants. I need not repeat the contents of that document, save to say that I accept the reasoning in it. You headed your own organisation, having split with Burgess; you could supply really substantial amounts of cocaine and heroin, as and when it was needed. You had people working for you and it is plain that Riley[??] and Duncan[??] did and you were obviously at the top of your own organisation that was well established, as is absolutely obvious by November 2008; it must have been running substantially before that, otherwise you would not have been able to offer so much so readily.

It is plain that you were seeking to undermine your competitors, in particular in the form of your former partner in crime, Burgess.

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I suspect that there is nothing to choose between you and Burgess, but on the basis of the evidence before me, I think some small distinction must be made to your advantage. It is correct that you pleaded guilty at the plea and case management hearing here at the Crown Court, but nonetheless you then sought to minimise your involvement and I cannot give you the fullest credit, but nonetheless you will get significant credit. One cannot approach this in too mechanistic a way, because I also have to adjust the sentence somewhat to achieve the correct totality, bearing in mind the offence of handling. And this offence of handling — count 8 — conspiracy to handle — is a very serious matter. You were plainly very close to the thieves. The precise amount that came through your hands is not easy to be completely confident about, but there are no contrary submissions to the Crown's submission that it must be at least the amount set out on the list which has been before me - it has F5 in the bottom right hand corner — which shows goods worth something like £165,000, excepting that that is probably the retail value of those goods.

I give you credit for pleading guilty to that.

As I have said it was highly professional organised theft and you were close to the thieves and were making money from selling these stolen goods.

Again, I have to discount the sentence not only to take into account your plea, but also to achieve the correct totality.

The sentence is this, on counts 2, 4 and 5, nine years; on count 8, two and a half years consecutive. The sentences for 2, 4 and 5 of course, will be concurrent with each other, but consecutive to the two and a half years, making eleven and a half years in all. 415 days spent on remand will count towards the sentence.

Daniel Want, you are now 33, you have some previous convictions; you are not a man of good character, but the previous convictions do not weigh heavily to aggravate your position. I take into account the letter that you have written and the references and you too

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pleaded guilty at the plea and case management hearing, but you too have minimised your involvement. It is absolutely plain, when you analyse the evidence – as the Crown have done in the document to which I have referred – that you were deeply involved and in my judgement, if one is to make, as it were, a pecking order, you do come a little above Sherlock[??] but below Touche[??]; you could get really substantial amounts – certainly of cocaine and to some extent, heroin. You were able to supply really substantial amounts on demand and the telephone traffic shows what you were up to and the depth of your involvement. Even on your own account, you have submitted to me, you were earning something like £600 a month.

You were involved in handling the flat-screen televisions which were taken from NYK. When Burgess was arrested, he sent a text and you were quickly on the scene to help with others preserve, as it were, what must have been apparent to you, were the products of professional commercial crime.

Your involvement wasn't very long and it wasn't very great, you were an extra pair of hands, but you must have realised the seriousness of what was afoot. Bearing in mind your limited role, you must serve a consecutive sentence, but it can be a short one.

The sentence I pass on you, is six years in relation to counts 1, 3 and 6, which are all concurrent with each other and six months consecutive for the handling, making six and a half years in all; 415 days spent on remand will count towards the sentence.

Dean Henry, you are 30, you have some previous convictions, not of the most serious kind. You did not plead guilty at the first opportunity; I take into account the attempts that you have made to make good use of your time in prison. I sentence you strictly on the basis of your basis of plea, but that involves — as the evidence established — involvement in an established group who supplied retail level quantities of heroin, purchasing from one supplier in ounce amounts and selling it in gram amounts and then the particular transaction

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concerned with 16 October. Giving you the limited credit for your plea to which I have already referred, the sentence that I pass on you is one of four and a half years; you receive credit for 409 days spent on remand. I am assisted in your case, as indeed I am in all the cases, by the well-known of *R v Jarvis* [2008] EWCA Crim 488.

Teresa Bell, you are of previously good character. You pleaded guilty on the day of trial. I sentence you on the basis of your acceptance of plea; I take into account the references that have been placed before me.

You lent yourself to your brother's criminality in quite a significant way and you allowed the premises, of which you were the manager, to be – as it were – a meeting point for that purpose, the Eastern District Social Club; and you were responsible, having made these connections in assisting your brother, you were responsible for something like £15,000 of stolen goods to go.

Well it is a very serious matter and only custody will do. You must have realised that these were the product of sophisticated commercial crime, but in all the circumstances I am able — in your case — to suspend the inevitable custodial sentence. You pleaded guilty on the day of trial; I appreciate that you did not plead to the conspiracy, but to a substantive offence, but nonetheless, you hadn't offered anything before. So you need to have something hanging over you and you need to be punished in my judgement and you also should try to make good at least some of the cost to the public of these proceedings. The sentence is ten months imprisonment; it will be suspended, the operational period will be twelve months. If you commit any further offence during that time, then you will be brought back to Court and all or part of that sentence can be activated. You will also do 250 hours unpaid work, as is suggested in the very helpful pre-sentence report. You must do that work, when, where and to the standard required by the Probation Service; if you do not, you will be brought back and the suspended sentence activated in whole or in part. You will also pay prosecution

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costs of £1,000 by 4 pm on 10 November of this year.

In relation to all the custodial sentences that I have passed in relation to them, the defendants will serve half and then be released. I have already said that I find that all of the crimes were committed after 4 April 2005.

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LICENCED PREMISES - RECORD OF INCIDENT

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Premises name	eastern district working mens club	Add	Iress line 3			
Address line 1	Crestwood Road	Add	lress line 4			
Address line 2	Northampton	Pos	tcode			
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Designated Premises Supervisor present at the scene? Yes (give name here) No (name staff member spoken to) Michael Bell (trustee)						
Attitude of licensee/staff to Officer(s)	Attitude of licensee/staff to initially obstructive attitude towards police, stating that he didnt have to let us in if he didnt want to, and that police should be grateful that he had let us in, once officers were inside the still remained.					
Offences disclosed and names of offenders etc	when caller became abusive towards the staff member he was forcibly ejected (using reasonable force)					
Verbal caution ac	dministered? Yes No	Date	and time of	verbal ca	ution	N/A
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