

CITY OF LONDON Environmental Health & Public Protection		
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**Name and address of police force**

**City of London Police  
37 Wood Street  
London  
EC2P 2NQ**

**CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with both serious crime and serious disorder

**Premises**

**The Dollhouse**, 7-8 Bishopsgate Churchyard, London EC2M 3TJ

Premises licence number: LN [REDACTED]

Premises licence holder : David Wilcox

Name of premises supervisor: Robert Wright

I, **Norma Collicott**, am a Superintendent in the City of London police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act 2003 are inappropriate due to the escalating gravity of violence, crime and disorder associated with The Dollhouse. Immediate measures are required in order to prevent further instances of serious crime and serious disorder and this objective is best achieved by means of interim steps being imposed pending the full summary review hearing.

This application follows a very serious incident of public disorder in the early hours of Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Those involved were mainly customers of The Dollhouse. Persons involved armed themselves with a baseball bat and a threat was made that firearms would be brought to the scene. The violence spread over three streets, spanned about 45 minutes and over 100 persons were either directly

participating, or caught up, in the disorder. Police officers were injured trying to quell the fighting.

The venue has a poor track record of preventing alcohol-induced violence and disorder. Despite advice and intervention from police licensing officers over the past 12 months the venue's management have shown themselves to be either unable or unwilling to taking effective steps to prevent the sort of disorder that occurred last week. There is a clear pattern emerging of poor management decisions and inadequate door supervision leading to violence and serious disorder at the premises. The venue has, in my opinion, become a magnet for crime and disorder.

There is a genuine and well-founded belief amongst the City of London Police that unless immediate action is taken someone will be very seriously injured or lose their life at this venue if steps are not taken to prevent it.

Either the entire business model needs to be changed so that the venue can no longer operate as a nightclub or the venue must be permanently closed. Given that root and branch changes cannot be made immediately it is my opinion that an interim suspension is the most practical and effective way to promote the licensing objectives.

It is anticipated that at the full Review hearing the Police will invite the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider taking all steps up to and including revocation of the Premises Licence.



SUPERINTENDENT COLLICOTT

(Signed) (2.12.13)