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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: THE LICENSING ACT 2003 – The Empire, Unit 2, 777 Old Kent Road, London, SE15 1NZ

I write to inform you that it has been brought to my attention that the above premises have been operating beyond the hours stated in your licence.

This potentially constitutes a contravention of either the licences issued under the Licensing Act 2003 by this Council in respect of the premises operation; or of other related legislation.

In particular, I would advise you that Section 136 (1)(a) of the Licensing Act 2003 states that:

A person commits an offence if -

- (a) He carries on or attempts to carry on a licensable activity on or from any premises otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation; or
- (b) Knowingly allows a licensable activity to be so carried on.

This Service warns you that should any further breach be reported to us we will give consideration to the appropriate legal action to be taken. You should understand that this could lead to legal proceedings being taken.

I would also like to bring to your attention that a visit was made by the Licensing Team and Night Time Economy Police Team on the 06 August 2021, this was in relation to the recent extended area within the old carphone warehouse. During that visit the acting manager was informed that the new area was not able to be used until an application for a

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new premises licence is submitted, which includes this new space. The acting manager was also warned, that should the area be witnessed in use without the relevant licence in place, enforcement action will be taken against the applicant.

I would make clear that it is the practice of the Council's Licensing Unit to send officers to visit premises to check to see if unauthorised activities are being provided. Licensing officers will gain admission to the premises in the same way as ordinary members of the public, and will not necessarily make themselves known to the staff or the licence holder at the time of the visit.

You should also understand that where other Services have interest in the matters noted we will be notifying them of this recent visit. You may receive follow-up visits from them.

Information and online applications can be found using the following link:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing>

Please ensure you act promptly on this letter. If you require advice or assistance on how to comply with the matters raised, please contact us on the telephone number given above.

Yours faithfully,

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