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Dear Mr Nwachukwu,

LICENSING ACT 2003 – WARNING LETTER

Re: The Empire Lounge, Unit 2, 777 Old Kent Road, London, SE15 1NZ

Licensing officers visited your premises on 6 August 2021 and 22 October 2021. During their visits they noted that the layout of the premises had changed in that a new doorway, leading to Unit 1, 777 Old Kent Road, London, SE15 1NZ, had been installed at the premises. The existing floor plan of the premises, which forms annex 4 of the premises licence issued in respect of the premises, does not show the new doorway. A copy of the existing plan is attached.

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.*

A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to both.”

If the premises' floor plan has changed, and the existing licence floor plan has not been amended to reflect this change, then the premises is being operated otherwise than under and in accordance with an authorisation.

Our records show that since August, no application to amend the licence floor plan has been submitted.

You are advised to submit an application to vary the premises licence issued in respect of the premises to include an up to date and accurate floor plan. You must not provide any licensable activities at the premises until a new floor plan has been appended to the premises licence. Until a new plan has been appended to the premises licence you may wish to submit temporary event notices (TENs) to allow for the provision of licensable activities at the premises.

Guidance to the premises licence variation application procedure is available via:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/alcohol-late-night-refreshment-and-entertainment-licences/variation-transfer-and-dps-for-the-licensing-act-2003>

Guidance to the TENs procedure is available via:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/alcohol-late-night-refreshment-and-entertainment-licences/temporary-events-notices-ten>

It is the practice of the Licensing Unit to send officers to visit premises to ascertain if unauthorised activities are being provided. Licensing officers may gain admission to the premises in the same way as ordinary members of the public and will not necessarily make themselves known to staff at the time of the visit.

Your premises will now be regularly monitored by council officers. Should any breach of the Licensing Act 2003 be substantiated, consideration will be given to legal action.

Any other authorities that have an interest in any matters noted during any visits will be notified of these matters and you may receive follow-up visits from them.

Please ensure you act promptly on this letter. If you require further clarification please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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