

MEMO: Licensing Unit

To Licensing **Date** 2nd October 2020

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Ian Clements Police

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Subject: Expedited Review of Premises Licence
Afrikiko restaurant and nightclub 871 Old Kent Road SE15 1NX

I write with reference to the recent expedited review application made by PC Ian Clements from the Metropolitan Police regarding an expedited review of the premises licence named Afrikiko Restaurant and nightclub Limited , 871 Old Kent road London SE15 1NX, under The Licensing Act 2003.

I would make the following comments in support of the Police review.

- 1) I visited Afrikiko on several occasions during the coronavirus pandemic and the premises have operated as a nightclub, deliberate and flagrant breach of regulations and Government guidelines and putting the health and safety at risk of members of the public and staff.
- 2) I visited the premises on 4th September 2020 with my colleagues from the Licensing team, Police and Trading Standards and we met Mr Daniel Dornor the Director . Mr Dornor was obstructive and said that he did not have time for officers to show us around the premises and to show his CCTV he said he could not operate his own CCTV system.
- 3) I inspected the basement the premises was partly flooded from the sewage water and I issued an Health and Safety Improvement notice for repairs to be carried out to stop the water leaking into the basement.
- 4) I was concerned that all the fire extinguishers in the premises were out of test date and needed to be serviced again this showed lack of fire safety within the premises.
- 5) I also discovered shisha equipment and pipes in the basement, there was evidence of shisha smoking in the basement of the premises.

- 6) I am concerned for public safety as the Police have discovered on one occasion the basement nightclub was locked from the outside with around 60 people inside including a six months old baby putting all their lives at risk, if there was a fire they would not be able to escape from the basement to a place of safety.

In my opinion Mr Daniel Dorner is not fit and proper persons to hold a premises licence, I therefore fully support the Police Review for revocation of the premises licence on grounds of public safety.

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Further to my previous representation dated 2nd October 2020, I write to confirm the Following.

I understand that **ANKRAH, Zeona Naa Densuah** is the licensee of the premises, however during the visit Mr Daniel Donor said he was the director of the business and was in charge.

Therefore In my opinion I do not have any confidence in the management of the premises **Ms Zeona Naa Densuah Ankrah**, is not fit and proper persons to hold a premises licence, I therefore fully support the Police Review for revocation of the premises licence on grounds of public safety.

Farhad Chowdhury
Principal Enforcement Officer