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Dear Business Licencing,

Licensee: **Mr Hasem Beik Mohammadi**
Premises: **Shanzelize, 11 Kilburn Bridge, Kilburn High Road, NW6 6HT**

Further to the application to review the premises licence for the Shanzelize, I would like to put forward a representation in regard to concerns surrounding public safety, supporting the recommendation for the licence to be revoked.

On 8th October 2021, I visited the premises with Esther Chan in the presence of Mr Mohammadi and Mr Tahzib. My reason for attending was that concerns had been raised by Esther Chan regarding public safety, as a letter had been received from the London Fire Bridge (LFB) (dated 10th September 2021 – appendix 36 of Esther Chan's representation) highlighting fire safety deficiencies at the premises.

As highlighted within the LFB letter, no written fire risk assessment was available and when I asked Mr Mohammadi if one had ever been done, he could not answer. None of fire extinguishers throughout the premises had records to show they had been serviced annually and when I highlighted this to Mr Mohammadi and Mr Tahzib, they were unaware of this requirement under BS 5306-3:2000.

Throughout the premises there was a heavy use of 'daisy chaining' extension cables, something which poses a greater fire risk.

The rear seating area of the premises had seating for 100+ people due to the layout and type of seating in use, such as booth seating around the edge of the extension. As highlighted by the LFB in their report, emergency exit signage was insufficient and the rear exit was not compliant as an emergency exit due to it being locked with by a sliding gate on the inside, the door was obstructed by cleaning materials upon arrival and the rear step leading out of the door was not stable.

In the absence of a fire risk assessment being done by a competent assessor, the safe capacity of the premises was unknown. Therefore I raised concerns that the permitted number of persons allowed in the premises as a whole could exceed the maximum capacity for an emergency, as there were only 2 exits. (One exit being the door mentioned in the above paragraph)

When inspecting the basement, there were a number of decorations and confetti on the floor with a mixer and speaker system near the stage. There were large pools of water on the floor with evidence on the ceiling that there had been a leak at some point. To add further concern, there were extension cables 'daisy chained' within the basement, raising the same concern of an increased fire risk.



After inspecting the premises, I sat with Mr Mohammadi, Mr Tahzib and Esther Chan to discuss my findings, along with the concerns raised by Esther Chan. In regard to elements surrounding public safety, I advised they seek a competent assessor urgently to conduct their fire risk assessment, to address the actions highlighted and to send a copy of the report too Esther Chan and the LFB, noting the areas previously highlighted by the LFB. I reminded both Mr Mohammadi and Mr Tahzib that fire extinguishers need to be serviced annually by a competent engineer, with records kept on site.

In relation to the rear seating area, both Esther Chan and I reminded them that this was an unlicensed area, which is unsuitable for shisha due to it being fully enclosed. Mr Tahzib understood the points raised and interpreted this information to Mr Mohammadi, along with relaying the options available for them to consider in order to make the area suitable and legal.

It was evident that Mr Mohammadi did not understand the seriousness of everything that was mentioned from a public safety perspective, as his response throughout the meeting was business had been difficult due to the pandemic and that he has invested large amounts of money into the business.

To date, no fire risk assessment has been submitted to the London Borough of Brent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Davies".

Laura Davies
Public Safety Officer



Appendix 5 – Seating area at the rear of the premises



Appendix 6 – Rear fire exit



Appendix 7 – Rear fire exit step



Appendix 8 – Basement Ceiling