
Ms Lisa Amoye
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47 Cricklewood Broadway,
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NW2 3JX

19th January 2015

Licensing Representation to the Application to Review the Premises Licence for D DEN EXOTIC AFRICAN CUISINE, 47 Cricklewood Broadway, London, NW2 3JX

I certify that I have considered the application shown above and I wish to make representations that the likely effect of the review of the application is detrimental to the Licensing Objectives for the reasons indicated below.

Licensing Enforcement Officer: Lavine Miller-Johnson

An officer of the Licensing Authority, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Licensing Act 2003.

The application has been made to review the premises licence under section 51 of the Act.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the four licensing objectives;

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- public safety;
- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- the protection of children from harm.

A visit took place on Saturday 17th January 2015 at 01:00hrs as a result of the application to review the licence of the above premise, and the following was noted;

On arrival to the premises, Ms Lisa Amoye was not present on site. There were three ladies sitting in the restaurant when Licensing Officer Esther Chan (**see supporting witness statement LMJ001**) and I entered the premises. We introduced ourselves and asked to speak with the licence holder Ms Amoye. Bukky Abula said that Ms Amoye was not available. I asked Ms Abula that in the absence of Ms Amoye who was the responsible person on the premises.

She said that they all were responsible. When questioned further about the activities that take place on the premises Ms Abula no longer seemed interested in answering any more questions and then referred me in the direction of one of the other female assistants. This lady was called Ms Xilvro Peters. Ms Peters said that Ms Amoye was going to be in the premises in about two hours time. I asked if Ms Amoye could be contacted and Ms Abula said no because she would be sleeping.

Mandatory conditioned breached:

Age verification Policy -

Condition (1) Ms Peters was asked what age verification policy was adopted. She was unaware of what I was asking as there had been no training. There were no training records or authorisation from Ms Amoye to suggest that these members of staff were suitable to sell alcohol on the premises.

Other Conditions breached:

CCTV-

Condition (1) CCTV shall be installed and maintained in working condition-

On inspection I was unable to check the CCTV as the staff was unable to operate the system. I asked Ms Peters if she had access to the CCTV and she said only Ms Amoye has access to the system.

Condition (2) All CCTV shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to the police and licensing officers if requested-

When I asked Ms Peters if she could retrieve a copy of the CCTV if requested she replied only the licence holder could operate it and she would need to be called to advise the staff how to operate the system. This would not have been possible at this time as I was told that Ms Amoye was sleeping.

From observing the visits made by Licensing Officer Susana Figueiredo which was entered on the licensing database I noted that Susana has made attempts to obtain a copy of the CCTV footage following her visit on the 8th November 2014. To date it has not been confirmed if the CCTV is in operation.

The Licensing Authority require the following points to be included in the operating schedule and added as conditions on the premises licence.

Condition: A personal licence holder shall be present on site to manage and supervise all sales of alcohol.

Licensing objective satisfied: Public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

- i. Reasons: Following my visit on Saturday 17th January 2015 I was not satisfied that the present staff were suitable to carry out the management of the premises in the absence of the DPS Ms Lisa Amoye.

In my professional opinion I feel that Ms Lisa Amoye should be removed as the DPS on the premises licence as this is the second evening visit that I have made to the premises **(first visit 8th Novemeber 2014)** when Ms Amoye was not present and leaving no suitably trained responsible person to manage the premises in her absence.

Informative:

- On inspection the floor plan of the premises was observed. I would advise you to submit a variation in order to ensure the correct layout of the premises is reflected on the plan.
- Please ensure that you display the correct notices on the premises that indicate the age verification that you have adopted.
- Fire extinguishers to be checked and serviced. Existing extinguishers have no labeling.
- Fire extinguishers to be present in the kitchen area and on the shop floor.

In order for the Licensing Team to withdraw this representation, it will be necessary for you to confirm in writing that you are willing to accept the above conditions and carry out any necessary works.

Yours sincerely,

Lavine Miller-Johnson
Licensing Officer
Regulatory Services

