

Licensing Committee



Thursday, 14 July 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

The Council Chamber, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Supplemental Agenda

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Dear Kamal and Geraldine,

My client has expressly surrendered the licence in her original email and followed up the request to do so in writing as requested. There is no requirement in the legislation to do so as far as I am aware. The licence is surrendered and therefore you cannot proceed with the revocation hearing as there is no licence in force.

You can also accept my email as the surrender of the licence.

My client will hand deliver a letter to the Council offices tomorrow as a matter of courtesy. I would be grateful therefore if you would confirm therefore the record shows the licence as surrendered and the hearing has been vacated. If the hearing proceeds the Council will be acting ultra votes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jon Wallsgrove
Partner

John Gaunt & Partners

sent from my iphone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chanita K147 <
Date: 13 July 2022 at 19:05:17 CEST
To: Kamal Miah <
Cc: Geraldine O'Grady <, Jon Wallsgrove <
Subject: Re: Licence Surrender Letter Not Received

Hi Kamal,

The letter is marked for the attention of Geraldine O'Grady. Can you please check again where the letter is at your office and whether it's at her desk waiting for her as I sent it by recorded delivery and signed for on Monday. I sent it to the Tower Hamlet Council address you gave me below and marked it for the attention of Geraldine. I have the receipt from Royal Mail and they told me the letter should have arrived at the latest on Tuesday. I will check with them on where the post is now as they have the accurate record and evidence on their system.

Otherwise, can you let me know if either you or Simmi Yesmin will be there in the morning tomorrow so my son can drop the letter off by hand? Or if we can fax the letter to you? Does the Council have a fax number?

I'm not very happy with this as we gave enough notice of our intention to surrender and sent the letter off to Geraldine as requested who happened to be away this week so she would not be able to receive the post marked for her attention. I'm copying this email to my solicitor who will deal with this matter.

Regards,
Mrs King

From: Kamal Miah <
Sent: 13 July 2022 17:39
To: Chanita K147 <
Cc: Geraldine O'Grady <
Subject: Licence Surrender Letter Not Received

Dear Ms King

**Re: Revocation of Special Treatment Licence for Genesis Thai Spa, 1 Gunthorpe Street
London Local Authorities Act 1991**

I refer to the email chain below where you mentioned to my colleague Ms Geraldine O'Grady that you were intending to formally surrender your special treatment licence in writing. As we have not yet received this letter to date, I am informing you that we will proceed with the revocation of the licence at tomorrow's committee hearing as scheduled.

Kind regards

Kamal Miah
Environmental Health Officer
Licensing and Safety team
Environmental Health and Trading Standards
Place Directorate
2nd Floor, Mulberry Place
5 Clove Crescent
London
E14 2BG

From: Chanita K147 <
Sent: 12 July 2022 15:51
To: Simmi Yesmin <
Cc: Jon Wallsgrove <
Subject: Fw: Genesis Thai Beauty Spa, Unit 2 Nagpal House, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RG

Dear Simmi Yesmin,

I'm emailing to inform you that I've sent a letter to Geraldine O'Grady to surrender the special treatment licence for Genesis Thai Spa for the above premises together with a signed copy of the licence. She has asked me to send this to her, and she should have received it today as it's a recorded delivery. As I got an auto reply from her email that she is out of the office till 18th July, I just want to make you aware of this as well since we have a hearing with the council this Thursday.

We won't be coming to attend the hearing on the 18th July.

Kind regards,
Chanita King

From: Chanita K147 <
Sent: 12 July 2022 15:05
To: Geraldine O'Grady <
Cc: Jon Wallsgrove <
Subject: Re: Genesis Thai Beauty Spa, Unit 2 Nagpal House, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RG

Dear Ms O'Grady,

Thank you for your email. I've put the request to surrender the licence in writing and enclosed a signed copy of the licence in the letter, and sent it yesterday to the address below.

Please confirm once received. You should receive it today as it's a recorded delivery.

Kind regards,
Chanita King

From: Geraldine O'Grady <
Sent: 08 July 2022 18:15
To: Chanita K147 <
Cc: Jon Wallsgrove <
Subject: RE: Genesis Thai Beauty Spa, Unit 2 Nagpal House, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RG

Dear Mrs King,

I acknowledge you wish to surrender the licence relating to Genesis Thai Beauty Spa.

In order to surrender your licence you will need make the request in writing and include the signed copy of the licence.

Please mark this for my attention.

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Mulberry Place
5 Clove Crescent
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E14 2BG

Kind regards

Geraldine O'Grady

From: Chanita K147 <
Sent: 06 July 2022 11:01
To: Geraldine O'Grady <
Cc: Jon Wallsgrove <
Subject: Genesis Thai Beauty Spa, Unit 2 Nagpal House, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RG

Dear Ms O'Grady,

Re: Premises: Genesis Thai Beauty Spa, Unit 2 Nagpal House, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London, E1 7RG

Thank you for your letter dated 30th June.

I'm writing to let you know that we wish to surrender our special treatment licence which was renewed in April earlier this year for the above premises with immediate effect.

Please could you confirm acknowledgement of this email and confirm when this is done.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Chanita King

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Agenda Item 2.3

Hi Simmi,

Can you please add the email below from the solicitor dated 1st July 2022 to the Committee Report as supplementary information in relation to the above premises.

Apologies for the late notification. The solicitor had indicated that his client will surrender the licence, but up to now we have had no formal confirmation on this. Many thanks!

Kind regards,

Amran Ali

Health & Safety Officer
Environmental Health and Trading Standards
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From: Robert Wong <
Sent: 01 July 2022 19:59
To: Amran Ali <
Subject: FW: Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 Whites Row. E17NF

Dear Mr Ali

These are the facts :

1. Ms Cheung returned to Hong Kong in December 2019 and has not returned to the UK since that time;
2. In view of the draconian Covid policy in place in Hong Kong and China it is highly unlikely that she will leave Hong Kong in the foreseeable future;
3. She was absent at the time of the "test purchases" in October 2021, had in fact been absent for a considerable period of time;
4. In view of her inability to manage and oversee her business, she took the decision to sell it, and the sale was completed on 11 April 2022;
5. She has no further interest in the business;
6. She cannot attend the hearing, she has no intention to since any returning resident must quarantine for at least 2 weeks in a quarantine hotel at great cost and discomfort;
7. She is not in a position to defend these allegations.

Please bring these facts to the attention of the Licensing Committee.

Regards
Robert Wong



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From: Amran Ali <
Sent: 01 July 2022 17:48
To: Robert Wong <
Subject: RE: Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 Whites Row. E17NF

Dear Mr Wong,

Please find attached c.c. of letter sent to your client.

Kind regards,

Amran Ali

Health & Safety Officer
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London E14 2BG

From: Amran Ali
Sent: 13 May 2022 18:19
To: Robert Wong <
Subject: RE: Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 Whites Row. E17NF

Dear Mr Wong,

Thank you for your email. I'm I correct in my understanding that Ms Cheung did not return to the UK since her initial visit to Hong Kong during the height of the Pandemic?
Also, if she has sold the business at the above address, will she be formally surrendering her licence?

The letter I sent to Ms Cheung contained more than 3 questions. I have attached a copy for your information.

Kind regards,

Amran Ali

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From: Robert Wong <
Sent: 13 May 2022 16:04
To: Amran Ali <
Subject: FW: Vanilla Thai Spa, 1 Whites Row. E17NF

Dear Mr Ali

I understand that you wrote to Ms Cheung Lai Kwan by letter dated 7th April asking her to provide answers to three questions, and requiring that she should respond within 21 days of the date of the letter. I have been sent a photo of the letter, which was opened only today, and purely by chance, by her sister who occasionally goes to the house to check its security. Ms Cheung is still in Hong Kong and in fact on or about the date of your letter the business was sold. She therefore does not have any interest in the business. You may have read in the newspapers that Hong Kong residents are still under severe restraint and there is virtually a total embargo on movement into and out of HK. She will therefore remain there for the foreseeable future.

I will attempt to take instructions and provide a response to the three questions posed.

Regards
Robert Wong



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