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**TO**                      **Licensing and Safety Team**

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**FROM**                  **Lekan Olomo**

**REFERENCE:**        **Little Jasmine centre**

**DATE**                  **12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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**Re: Acu & Herbs Ltd**

**T/A Little Jasmine Centre, 56 Skylines Village, London, E14 79TS**

Reference is made to the application for a new Special Treatment License for the above premises. Currently the business does not hold premises Special Treatments Licence. The premises submitted an application for a new licence to carry out massage and reflexology treatments. The application was received by the council on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

An objection to the application of the special treatment licence is being made for the following reasons;

1. The Licensing and Safety Team has evidence of the premises being improperly conducted. *London Local Authorities Act 1991, Section 8 (e)*. The business *Little Jasmine Centre* has been investigated and found to be offering services of a sexual nature to customers. Evidence of this is attached in the form of a witness statement following a test purchase carried out on **20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. A company was hired by the council to carry out these visits. The statement is included as **LOL.LJC.001**.
2. The council received an anonymous letter on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from someone who allegedly worked in one of the units, objecting to the issuance of a MST licence, the individual alleged that the premises was being improperly conducted. This is included as **LOL.LJC.002**
3. The licence application is included as **LOL.LJC.003**. As part of the application review process, I visited the premises to carry out an inspection on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. I arrived at Skylines Village E14 9TS at 12:30PM. As I was parking my car up in the visitors' section of the car park which faces the front of unit 56 Skylines Village I noticed a white male dressed in a light grey suit with a white shirt entering the building. When I entered the premises I was met by a woman of East Asian appearance who greeted me by asking 'Hello darling what service do you want?'. The woman then started quoting me prices. I then informed her that they were not allowed to trade until the license had been granted. During my inspection I needed to check in all of the treatment rooms but the door of one of the rooms was locked. A few minutes later the man a saw earlier and a therapist exited the room. I then asked the therapist what her name was and she stated that her name was Linda Lan, I then informed that she was not named as a therapist on the application, to which she stated that she was helping out. As I concluded the inspection and was about to exit the premises, a male entered the premises requesting a service, due to my presence, there was an awkward silence whilst I was exiting the premises. A copy of the record of visit sheet is included as **LOL.LJC.004**. This shows that the premises were trading without a licence and a therapist whose qualifications had not been sent to the council was giving treatments. Female therapists may also be carrying out treatments on male customers which would be a contravention of the standard conditions of a special treatment licence.

4. List of company directors printed out from companies' house. This is included as **LOL.LJC.005**. The only director is Li Wa Hodgkinson who is also listed on the application form as person responsible for the management of the premises.

**Lekan Olomo**  
**Health and Safety Officer**  
**Environmental Health and Trading Standard - Health and Safety Team**

**List of Appendices**

LOL.LJC.001 = Witness statement of test purchase conducted on the premises

LOL.LJC.002 = Copy of anonymous letter objecting to the licence application.

LOL.LJC.003 = A copy of the received application and supporting documents

LOL.LJC.004 = A copy of my record of visit sheet

LOL.LJC.005 = List of directors from Companies House