

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

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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,

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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,

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From: Robert Wong <
Sent: 13 May 2022 16:04
To: Amran Ali <
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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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