

To Tower Hamlets

Special Treatments License Application Lily Thai Spa 1 Whites Row London E1 7NF

I refer to your objection for STL for above premises.

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The Licensing and Safety team of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets is making a representation objecting to the above application based on the following grounds: Under Section 8 (c) and (e) of the above Act (c) persons concerned or intended to be concerned in the conduct or management of the premises used for special treatment could be reasonably regarded as not being fit and proper persons to hold such a license; (e)the premises have been or are being improperly conducted. The reason for the objection is that the premises has a history of offering services of a sexual nature.

I believe you are misguided on both these grounds. You have stated that your test purchases in 2019 and October 2021 were used to confirm offer of sexual services. The licence holder then was Ms Cheung Lai Kwan. This was over two years ago.

Since I took over, I have not offered and sexual services.

I have displayed noticed throughout that Sexual services are not offered and any customers asking for this will be asked to leave the premises.

All my employees have been warned that should they offer sexual services, they will be dismissed.

None of my staff are subject to human trafficking or exploited according to your objection. You refer to previous clients who may approach. This is not the case.

The Licensing and Safety team of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets may wish to send their investigating team to make test purchases.

I have not employed any of the old employees who were involved in this issue.

I have made an application in my own name and Redbud is not involved. Redbud has no connection or involvement with these premises.

I have maintained high standards with no incidents of crime and disorder.

How can the Licensing team consider me as not being fit and proper person to hold such a licence as I have no history of above.

I have requested meeting with councils' health and safety team to discuss these objections and to resolve these but my request has been declined. I urge the team to meet with me so we can resolve this.

The Licencing committee should consider a partial licence for nail and pedicure initially if this is a way forward.

I respectfully ask the committee to consider granting me a licence even if this is on probation.

Thank you

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