

APPENDIX 2

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Re: Manhattan

Dear Austin,

Thank you for making time to meet with me at Manhattan on Friday 19th April 2013 in order for me to see your CCTV system and assess its compliance with your Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence. In essence I do not consider that a system with only eight cameras, which generate grainy images is 'fit for purpose' in Manhattan with its many different rooms and areas. However whilst your current application for renewal of your Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence still awaits determination I do not intend to press you to invest money into improving your existing CCTV system. However please take note that if your licence is renewed I will soon after revisit and expect to see you co-operate with substantial improvements to the CCTV.

I would also like to make mention of certain other matters which arose during my visit and our consequential conversations. There are of course a significant number of conditions on your Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence, but because the purpose of my visit was primarily to examine your CCTV I was not equipped at that time to examine your compliance with all of those conditions. However I did question you about your compliance with some of those which came to my mind and it was concerning to find non compliance with some significant ones.

For example:

- you do not maintain separate entrances for customers and performers to use,
- you do not maintain a satisfactory register of performers with the level of detail required and nor do you check on the age of performers to ensure they are over 18,
- you do not maintain a register of SIA staff working at your premises,
- you do not ensure a nominated female chaperone oversees female performers.

Frankly I suspect that this is the tip of the iceberg and should a more structured examination of your compliance take place I think you may well be found wanting. This situation is almost certainly not helped by the fact that you are rarely present when the premises are open and also by the very difficult financial climate in which you are operating. Probably of most concern with the matters mentioned above is that these conditions should be complied with to ensure the safety of the performers and so that people under 18 do not find themselves trafficked into prostitution or other unsuitable positions for children.

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Please note that I have made my concerns known to the Licensing Authority and these matters are almost certainly to be referred to at any hearing which takes place into your current renewal application.

Yours sincerely,

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