

## APPENDIX 3

Good Afternoon Daliah,

**RE: Channel Lounge, Shop, 775 High Road, Tottenham, London, N17 8AH (WK/513713)**

Following a visit to the aforementioned premises on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 ( in response to concerns regarding fire safety matters) the following was observed:

### FINDINGS

The café area at the front of the building was an open area, with a fire detector and fire extinguishers and led directly to the front door. The premises also had building works being undertaken within the two rear rooms (kitchen/ smoking room). These rooms were not in use.. However:

- There was no evidence of a suitable or sufficient fire risk assessment (recorded or otherwise).
- There was no evidence of emergency lighting, escape signage.
- There was no evidence of smoke / heat detection in the rear two rooms.
- Travel distances to the front exit (only exit) from the rear two rooms (smoking room/ kitchen) were extended well beyond 18 meters, against that recommended for a single direction of travel within a shop.
- Escape from the smoking lounge (middle room) and the kitchen at the rear of the café, required passing through an inner room and an inner-inner room respectively for escape.
- There was limited fire separation between the kitchen (high risk room) and smoking room.
- There was no evidence as to whether the material covering the smoking room ceiling and the furniture within the smoking room was either non or highly flammable.

### RECOMMENDATION

As the premises stands/ through discussion with the responsible person, it does not seem that the café is being used as a business, is under renovation and therefore does not fall under the remit of the Regulatory Reform (fire safety) Order 2005 (RRFSO). I am unsure if a building control body has been consulted or is required (i.e. change of use?).

However, should the building be used for business, a fire risk assessment (FRA) must of been undertaken (and actioned where applicable) by the responsible person.

Furthermore, in order to meet the requirement of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) 2005 (RRFSO) – Article 9 -6b, should a licence be granted the FRA must be recorded therefore it would be advisable to also record the FRA at this stage.

The FRA should be undertaken by a competent person and consider, but not be limited to, the points given above.

### **ACTION(s)**

I have advised the responsible person - Mr Beakal Gizaw verbally of these matters and will confirm my verbal advise in writing.

A fire safety audit, under the RRFSo will be undertaken, once said FRA has been completed, any relevant works completed and ideally on the first day of opening as a trading concern.

Finally the responsible person seems concerned and has contacted me numerous times in order to improve his fire safety.

Kind regards,

*Simon Dredge*

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Dear RAs,

I visited this premises on Saturday evening they were selling alcohol without a licence, enforcement action will be followed up

Also on the plan submitted there is a large empty room between the café and the kitchen area at the rear. This middle space is being used as a shisha lounge. There was no visible means of escape except to go back through the café. The kitchen was also a series of doors that were locked and once opened lead to nowhere.

LFCDA- I am concerned that the premises does not have adequate means of escape, can you advise on this?

Planning- can the premises be used as a shisha lounge- will PP be required?

CEH- Any enforcement action that can be taken?  
Regards