

ALIN MANDACHE

Your Ref:

Our Ref: Licensing

Date: 30th November 2021

WARNING LETTER

Dear Sir,

LICENSING ACT 2003- NOTIFICATION OF OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 179 /180 OBSTRUCTION OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS & POLICE OFFICERS AT CLASSICS RESTAURANT, 502-508 HIGH ROAD LONDON N17

We are aware that you took deliberate steps on Friday 26th November 2021 to obstruct Police officers and authorised officers from entering the premises. You were previously advised by email that it was an offence to obstruct an authorised officer from entering your premises from establishing if licensable activities were taking place. You had taken steps to obstruct an authorised officer the previous week on 20th November 2021.

You are notified that the Licensing Authority will not permit unlicensed activity to go unchecked in Haringey and neither will it allow for staff to be obstructed in the execution of their duties.

Your wilful and deliberate action to obstruct will be prosecuted against. The Licensing Act makes the following clear:

179 Rights of entry to investigate licensable activities

(1) Where a constable or an authorised person has reason to believe that any premises are being, or are about to be, used for a licensable activity, he may enter the premises with a view to seeing whether the activity is being, or is to be, carried on under and in accordance with an authorisation.

(2) An authorised person or an immigration officer exercising a power conferred by this section must, if so requested, produce evidence of his authority to exercise the power.

(3) A person exercising a power conferred by this section may, if necessary, use reasonable force.

(4) A person commits an offence if he intentionally obstructs an authorised person or an immigration officer exercising a power conferred by this section.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (4) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

s180 of the Licensing Act 2003: Enables a constable to enter and search the premises where there is reasonable cause to believe that an offence under the Act has been, is being or is about to be committed. A constable exercising a power conferred by this section may, if necessary, use reasonable force.

All matters will be placed before the Court.

The onus is upon you as the person in control of the business to ensure compliance with the law. Officers will attend the premises this weekend and you are instructed to ensure that there is no obstruction to them gaining entry to carry out their duties.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss the content of this letter 020 8489 8232.

Yours sincerely

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