## THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE ("Committee")

## ADJOURNMENT LETTER

## 11 June 2025

## Secrets, 62 Glenthorne Road, London, W6 0LR ("the Premises")

The Committee is due to consider the renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) Licence under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ("the Application") on 11 June 2025. The Application was submitted by Secrets Hammersmith Ltd ("the Applicant").

The first initial hearing to consider the Application was scheduled on 30 April 2025.

On 16 April 2025, the Licensing Team sent an adjournment request because some of the objectors referred to videos of crime and disorder outside the Premises and the licensing officers needed more time to review and investigate those.

The Applicant was contacted in relation to this first request for adjournment.

Councillor Mercy Umeh the Chair of the Sub-Licensing Committee agreed to the adjournment.

The hearing was then re-scheduled for the Application to be considered by the Committee on 11 June 2025.

On 17 May 2025, the Licensing Team received an anonymous complaint from an individual who has made a number of allegations against the Premises. The Licensing Team contacted the complainant, asking for more information on the allegations, and received a further follow up response to this complaint on the 7 June 2025. The complainant has suggested that they would be able to provide more information to substantiate their concerns, if a meeting could be arranged. Given the short timescale between receipt this information and the date of the renewal hearing, the Licensing Team have currently been unable to investigate this matter.

The Licensing Team requested for a second adjournment to the hearing for this Application as they needed adequate time to investigate these issues before completing their final representation for this application. The Licensing Team also stated in their request to adjourn that more time was needed for them to consider an additional statement and supporting comments which were submitted by the Applicant a week before the hearing was scheduled.

On 10 June 2025 the Licensing Team emailed Mrs. Nicky Richards, Technical Manager of the Applicant to confirm that a second request has been sent to the Chair to consider whether or not to adjourn. The Applicant's representative agreed to the second adjournment.

Cllr Umeh, the Chair of the Sub-Licensing Committee, has decided that given the nature of new information received and the need for a thorough investigation by the Licensing Team the second request to adjourn should be allowed.

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