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BUDDHA BAR, 145 KNIGHTSBRIDGE, LONDON, SW1X 7PA

Further to my memo dated 28 May 2019 Environmental Health submits the following further information which should be included in any report for the Licensing Sub-Committee.

A licensing visit was carried out by the City Inspectors, Glyn Franks and Maria Johnson, on Saturday 15 June 2019 to report on how the premises operates currently. Their observations showed the following:

We visited the Buddha Bar on Saturday evening around 8pm onwards. Met with Christiaan Malan the Operations Manager.

There were just 87 customers in total at the time, the doorman operates two clickers, "in and out" a private party was expected at 8.30pm which would be seated in an area of the basement.

Walked through the ground floor and basement areas, all laid to table. There is a bar on the ground floor which is limited to 15 persons for drinking only; although no one was drinking at the bar at the time. This is obviously a food led business with a variety of menus offered, employs 80 staff in total, a significant proportion work in the kitchen.

Currently they operate a policy of no alcohol served without food from 2100 hours onwards. There is signage to this effect at the door and at the bar; the doorman reinforces this point at the door when appropriate.

We were shown a electronic copy of the Managers daily report; this includes hourly capacity checks.

They operate with two SIA staff from 2200, this probably reflects the needs and operation of the venue normally, but doesn't reach the normal principle of 1 to a 100 customers;

notices displayed regarding residents, the customers are held inside until cabs available, maximum of 10 smokers.

In general a well run venue, staff gave me confidence they abide by the conditions on the Licence; as well as the principle of the Licensing Objectives

If the Licensing Committee is minded to grant the application in part or full Environmental Health would like the following be attached to any approval:

Amend applicant's condition 6 to:

- Notwithstanding condition 5 licensable activities may be provided upto 50 times a year to persons attending a private or pre-booked function organised by the premises and which has been booked at least 24 hours in advance. A register of such events and details of persons attending will be kept for a period of one year and made available for inspection by the responsible authorities on request.

Additional condition:

- Prominent signage shall be displayed at the entrance and at the bar stating that the sale of alcohol after 11pm shall only be to persons taking a bona fide table meal.

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