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**RE: Premises Licence Inspection Premises Licence: (19/14464/LIPN).
Trading as Arc Le Salon, Ground Floor, 1 Curzon St, London W1J 5HD.**

Dear Mr Hunter

I write to you within your capacity as the person with significant control of Hunter and Gold Ltd premises license holder for the premises stated above. On Saturday 21st of January 2023 at 00:17 a licence inspection was conducted in the presence of Mr Chishty and the following concerns below where highlighted.

1. In accordance with condition 10 which reads:

“After 21:00 hours entry to the premises shall be limited to pre-booked customers only.”
At the time of my visit, it would appear this condition was not being met, as customers were seen admitted into the premises without prior booking. Upon checking the entries of customers logged at 00:30 hours, patrons logged were registered as walk-ins contrary to the condition stated above. The numbers stated within the log, was not consistent with the number of people I observed entering the premises at the time in question.

2. Condition 11 which reads:

“After 21:00 hours persons admitted entry to the premises shall be restricted to persons of the age of 18 or over”.
During the inspection, customers where observed entering the premises without any check to verify the age specified within the condition.



3. Condition 18 which reads:

“A minimum of one (1) SIA licensed door supervisors shall be on duty at the premises from 2000 hours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until close of business. At all other times the use of SIA door staff will be risk assessed and a written record of this will be kept and maintained within the venue and made available to the Police and all relevant authorities.”

At the time of my visit, the door staff did not have a valid SIA license displayed.

4. Condition 42 which reads:

“No licensable activities shall take place at the premises until the licensing authority are satisfied that the premises is constructed or altered in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the District Surveyor’s Association – Technical Standards for Places of Entertainment and the reasonable requirements of Westminster Environmental Health Consultation Team, at which time this condition shall be removed from the licence by the licensing authority.”

During the inspection Mr Chishty was unable to explain why this condition is still within the licence. To continue offering licensable activities, you would have to contact the environmental health consultation team, with the appropriate documentation as specified within the condition above. After which provisions should be made to have this condition removed from the premises licence.

5. At the time of my visit, there was not a letter issued by you, as the holder of the Premises Licence nominating who in your absence could produce the full licence.

During my inspection of the smoking area, I did not observe the sampling of products that are related to specialist tobacconists materials, however I witnessed the smoking of Shisha pipes with hot coal. In accordance with Tobacco Advertising and Promotions Act 2003 section 6(2), operating as a Specialist Tobacconist please provide CCTV images within the smoking area of the cameras listed below:

Cigar Desk: 20/01/2023 at 22:00 -23:59 then 21/01/2023 at 00:00 – 02:00
Cigar Room: 20/01/2023 at 22:00 – 23:59 then 21/01/2023 at 00:00 -02:00
Front Lounge: 21/01/2023 at 00:00 – 03:00

Please provide a response in writing within 7 days of this letter to the points raised above.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Chinyere- Ezeh
City Inspector