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Dear Miss Hati

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request. You asked to be provided with the following information:

Dear Westminster City Council,

Could you please provide the following information.

- 1. What was the official reason for revoking the licence for Madame Jojo's?*
- 2. After the incident in 24.10.2014 , was the new managing and security staff approved by the Westminster Council?*
- 3. What are the future plans for the establishment (8-10 Brewer Street, Soho, London W1F 0SE) ?*

Response

- 1. What was the official reason for revoking the licence for Madame Jojo's?*

The Sub-Committee, having carefully considered all the evidence, decided it was necessary to revoke the premises licences for Madame JoJo's. Members had noted that serious assaults with injury had taken place in the early hours of 24 October. On the evening concerned it had appeared to the Sub-Committee from the CCTV evidence that those connected with the premises were prepared for trouble. Baseball bats had been kept on an overhead shelf and when the incidents took place it appeared to be an organised assault on the individual concerned. The Police were not called initially and it was not clear whether they would have been had an innocent individual not been injured. There had been grossly inadequate first aid available to the individual from Madame JoJo's and appropriate first aid had to be sought from an adjacent premises. Interested Parties supported the Police on the revocation of the licence to send a clear message to the premises in Soho that this type of incident would not be tolerated. In conclusion the Sub-Committee felt that the incident that had occurred was extremely serious and that the Licensee's new management action plan, new management strategy and the employment of the new DPS were not sufficient to address the gravity of this serious breach and the only appropriate action was to revoke the licence.

2. After the incident in 24.10.2014 , was the new managing and security staff approved by the Westminster Council?

The Sub-Committee felt that the incident that had occurred was extremely serious and that the Licensee's new management action plan, new management strategy and the employment of the new DPS were not sufficient to address the gravity of this serious breach.

3. What are the future plans for the establishment (8-10 Brewer Street, Soho, London W1F 0SE) ?

Planning permission has been granted for the demolition and redevelopment of Nos. 6-10 Walkers Court, 27 Peter Street and 6 Brewer Street, alterations and extensions to Nos. 1-4 Walkers Court, and Nos. 4, 8, and 10 Brewer Street to provide buildings of basement, ground and up to four upper floors; erection of a single storey extension to existing bridge link across southern end of Walkers Court and a double height glazed bridge link across northern end of Walker's Court ; all in connection with a mixed use scheme comprising offices (Class B1), retail (Class A1), theatre/ live performance venue (Sui Generis), restaurant (Class A3), nightclub (Sui Generis) and six residential studio flats (Class C3).

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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