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**Re:- Objections to Special Treatment License Application - Libby's Sauna 162-164
The Grove, Stratford, E15 1NS**
**Police wish to object to this application under the grounds from the London Local
Authorities Act 1991:**

- (b) There is a likelihood of nuisance being caused by reason of the conduct, management or situation of the premises or the character of the relevant locality or the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.
- (c) The persons concerned or intended to be concerned in the conduct or management of the premises used for special treatment could be reasonably regarded as not being fit and proper persons to hold such a licence.
- (e) The premises have been or are being improperly conducted.

Police have received numerous complaints and intelligence to suggest that the premise is being used as a brothel and not a massage/sauna as is advertised, the venue was attended on the 19/05/2011 by officers from the Police Licensing Team, Safer Neighbourhood team and an officer from the SCD9 on a brothel visit.

Crimint: KFRT00381819

When police attended the property there were three working females inside the venue and a female receptionist, all the working females admitted to providing sexual services in exchange for money. One of the working females was found in one of the massage rooms with a client who was receiving oral sex.

The client admitted to receiving oral sex and stated that he was aware that this venue provided this type of services from friends who regularly visit this premise to receive sexual services; this clearly indicated to officers that the venue has been providing these

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services previously to this visit. The client stated to officers he had paid £10 to enter the sauna and a further £50 for a massage and sex.

The working females were spoken to by the SCD9 officer; all females admitted that clients who enter the premises pay a £10 fee which goes towards the house and remainder which is usually starting at £50 all goes to the individual working girl. The females were individually interviewed at the venue by officers; all stated that they offered full protected sexual services; the females have been working at the venue from 2 weeks to 6 months offering these services.

None of the females on this visit could provide a massage certificate or any qualifications to suggest that they were qualified masseuses.

The working females were advised and the receptionist was issued with a Maid warning. The premise owner was called by the maid; the premise owner was a Mr Godfrey FRANCIS. He stated that he was unaware of the premise being used as a brothel; Mr FRANCIS was issued with a warning notice in regards to the brothel at his premise.

Crimint: CVRT00097163

Previous to this visit officers from CO14 also attended this premise on the 17th of February 2010. On this visit there were six working females at the premises all offering sexual services in exchange for money. They were again all advised and the maid was issued a warning letter.

The Landlord of the property Mr Tony FRANCIS attended the premise and was issued a landlord warning letter for the illegal activities taking place at the venue. He denied any knowledge of the venue being used as a brothel; he was aggressive in manner and obstructive towards police.

When officers visited the premises on both occasions it was being used as brothel, all females working admitted to working as prostitutes. Police checks have also revealed that some females were known for working in brothels at other venues, one female was also issued with a maid warning at another address.

The management have failed to correctly manage this premise they have allowed the establishment to be used as a brothel, they have failed to make sure that the venue is not used for illegal activities. Granting the license for special treatment will lead to further illegal activities as the venue will continue to operate as a Brothel, not abiding or following the granted license requirements.

Further Police Officer statements and intelligence will be provided to support this objection.

On behalf of The Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police I would like to object to the Special Treatment application put in for the premises known as Libby's Sauna on the grounds of prevention of Crime and Disorder, the management not being fit to hold such a license, the persons who will be providing the special treatment are unsuitably qualified and the fact the premise have been improperly conducted.

Yours Sincerely

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Police Licensing Team