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Date: 24 August 2023

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Your Ref: Zuri Indian Restaurant

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**Mr Abu Bakor Raju**  
**Zuri Indian Restaurant**  
**15 Post Wynd**  
**Darlington**  
**DL3 7LU**

For the attention of the Responsible Person,

**Licensing Act 2003**

**Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**

**Zuri Indian Restaurant, 15 Post House Wynd, Darlington, DL3 7LU**

A fire safety audit of the above premises was carried out on 23rd August 2023 regarding your application dated 3rd August 2023 for a Premises Licence under The Licensing Act 2003.

The Fire Authority is of the opinion that there are contraventions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The premises will demonstrate suitable and sufficient measures to satisfy the requirements of the above legislation, provided the recommendations contained in the attached fire safety schedule are implemented. The Fire Authority recommend that any Licensing Committee consider the following areas for discussion:-

Please see attached letter containing deficiencies following our inspection.

Mr Abu Bakor Raju has also received a letter of the deficiencies contained within his premise.

A further visit will be made on or after 23rd October 2023 to ensure that the requirements of the attached fire safety schedule have been carried out.

If you need further guidance please refer to [www.firesafetyguides.communities.gov.uk](http://www.firesafetyguides.communities.gov.uk) which provides information about the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number or e-mail address shown above or visit our website [www.ddfire.gov.uk](http://www.ddfire.gov.uk) and follow the link to Fire safety at work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Wilson".

Fire Safety Section



County Durham and Darlington  
**Fire and Rescue Service**

**Fire Safety Schedule**

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<b>File Reference Number</b>	7D81360001
<b>Premises Details</b>	Zuri Indian Restaurant 15 Post House Wynd Darlington
<b>Date of Fire Safety Audit</b>	23rd August 2023
<b>Name of Auditor</b>	David Welsh
<b>Legislation Applying</b>	Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
<b>Reason for the Audit</b>	Licence Application

The detail contained in this schedule allows the responsible person one option to achieve compliance with the above legislation and does not preclude the adoption of a design approach that corresponds to the complexity of the building and to the degree of flexibility required. It is without prejudice to anything which may be required by an enforcing Authority.

**ARTICLE 9 - FIRE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 1. No fire safety risk assessment has been carried out.** A suitable and sufficient fire safety risk assessment should be undertaken and be made available for inspection. The assessment should cover all significant risks to relevant persons who may be affected by fire and should identify the general fire precautions needed. The assessment should be reviewed at regular intervals (recommended annually) to keep it up to date and when a significant change is made. **The fire safety risk assessment should be undertaken by a competent person.**

**ARTICLE 14 - EMERGENCY ROUTES AND EXITS**

- 2. There is insufficient emergency exit provision.** An adequate number of emergency exits of an appropriate size are to be provided having regard to the use and dimensions of the premises, the equipment at the premises and the maximum number of persons who may be present there at any one time. The rear door is required to be an emergency exit due to the potential capacity of premises. **The door requires either a thumb turn lock or a push bar to open.**

**Emergency exit doors should only be bolted shut for security purposes out of business hours, when people are working on the premise emergency exit doors should be unlocked to provide immediate means of escape. Final exit doors should be provided with emergency lighting provision and fire exit signage with "FIRE EXIT KEEP CLEAR" signs placed on the exterior of the doors.**

- 3. There is insufficient emergency exit signage.** Emergency escape routes and exits must be indicated by signs. Suitable and sufficient signage indicating all emergency routes and exits is to be

provided in accordance with the current British or European test standard. **The rear door is required to be signed as an emergency exit.**

- 4. There is insufficient emergency lighting.** Emergency routes and exits which require illumination must be provided with emergency lighting of adequate intensity in case of failure of their normal lighting. The emergency lighting should comply with the current British or European test standard. **The rear door requires emergency lighting.**

**A 5 yearly periodic testing of electrical installations should be undertaken by a competent and qualified electrical engineer.**

#### **ARTICLE 17 - MAINTENANCE**

- 5. The fire detection and warning system is insufficiently maintained.** The fire detection and warning system should be subject to a suitable and sufficient system of maintenance and sufficiently maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair. Typically, testing would include: a daily visual check of the main control panel to ensure that there are no specific faults and a weekly function test by operating a different manual call point for each successive test (manual break glass points may be numbered to ensure sequential testing). Where systems are connected to a central monitoring station, arrangements should be made prior to testing to avoid unwanted false alarms. Further, six-monthly servicing and preventive maintenance should be carried out by a competent person with specialist knowledge of fire warning and automatic detection systems. This task is normally fulfilled by entering into a service contract with a specialist fire alarm company. Testing of the system should be carried out by a competent person. Further guidance on testing and maintenance of fire warning systems can be found in British Standard 5839 Part 1. It is good practice to record all tests, false alarms and any maintenance carried out.
- 6. The emergency lighting is insufficiently maintained.** The emergency lighting should be subject to a suitable and sufficient system of maintenance and sufficiently maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair. The emergency lighting units with which the premises are provided should be maintained to the current British or European test Standard, be always available for use and should receive periodic cleaning to ensure the maintenance of an adequate standard of illumination. **Typically, testing would include: a daily visual check of any central controls, a monthly function test by operating the test facility for a period sufficient to ensure that each emergency lamp illuminates, and an annual full discharge test.**
- 7. There are insufficient records of maintenance.** A suitable and sufficient system of maintenance should be adopted for all preventative and protective measures, the details should be recorded, the records kept and made available for inspection.

A copy of a fire safety log book can be downloaded from our website at [www.ddfire.gov.uk](http://www.ddfire.gov.uk).

Signed



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