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Date: 23 November 2023

Our Ref: 2E80402025
Your Ref: License Application

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For the attention of the Responsible Person,

Licensing Act 2003

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Mr Lavinder Kumar & Mrs Bimla Kumari, Yarm Road Convenience Store, 172 Yarm Road, Darlington, DL1 1XE

A fire safety audit of the above premises was carried out on 22nd November 2023 regarding your application dated 7th November 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:-

- **No Fire risk assessment available.**
- **No fire detection.**
- **No portable fire extinguishers.**
- **No emergency lighting.**
- **No emergency exit signage.**

If you need further guidance please refer to 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 and follow the link to Fire safety at work.

www.ddfire.gov.uk

Tel: 0345 305 8383



Yours sincerely,

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David Welsh
Fire Safety Section



County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service

Fire Safety Schedule

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File Reference Number	2E80402025
Premises Details	172 Yarm Road Darlington
Date of Fire Safety Audit	22 nd November 2023
Name of Auditor	David Welsh
Legislation Applying	Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
Reason for the Audit	Application for Premise License.

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 13 - FIRE-FIGHTING AND FIRE DETECTION

- 2. There is insufficient provision of portable firefighting equipment.** The portable fire-fighting equipment arrangements are to be improved to provide an adequate provision in case of fire, having regard to the dimensions and use of the premises, the equipment contained on the premises, the physical and chemical properties of the substances likely to be present and the maximum number of persons who may be present at any one time.

Portable fire extinguishers conforming to the current British or European test standard should be provided and sited in accordance with the findings of the fire safety risk assessment. Guidance on the number of extinguishers required is available at <http://www.ddfire.gov.uk/business-safety/number-of-fire-extinguishers>.

ARTICLE 14 - EMERGENCY ROUTES AND EXITS

3. **Emergency exit doors were obstructed.** In order to safeguard the safety of relevant persons, the responsible person must ensure that emergency doors are maintained clear and available for use at all material times. The door concerned is the one in the corridor.

Corridors and stairways that form part of escape routes should be always kept clear and hazard free. Items that may be a source of fuel or pose an ignition risk should never be located on any corridor or stairway that will be used as an escape route.

4. **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 door concerned is the door in the corridor.
5. **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 areas of concern are the emergency exits.

Signed



David Welsh
Fire Safety Section