

DIARY OF EVENTS

- 22.01.19 - Premises Licence for 27b Throgmorton Street EC2N 2AN issued under the Licensing Act 2003 to Blank Gallery Ltd. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Mr Saeed Azimi, a company director at the time. Registered office address is 171 Seymour Place W1H 4AT.
- 27.07.19 - Unknown to City of London at the time, Mr Azimi is dismissed as a director of the company. No application for variation of DPS is submitted.
- 28.11.19 - Unknown to City of London at the time, Blank Gallery change registered office address to 132 Trotwood, Chigwell IG7 5JW. No application for change of circumstances is submitted.
- 04.12.19 - Invoice for £1554 is raised by Finance Team for the first annual statutory continuation fee. This was sent to 171 Seymour Place. The invoice is a courtesy provided by the Corporation to assist applicants. S55 Licensing Act 2003 provides that it is the licence holders responsibility to ensure the fee is paid and not the Licensing Authority to notify them of this.
- 31.01.20 - Finance Department report that annual fee has not been paid. A letter is sent to Blank Gallery Ltd, directly to the premises at 27b Throgmorton Street, advising that their licence will be suspended if the fee is not paid by 12 February 2020.
- 13.02.20 - Visit to premises by AP Hewitt who finds the bar closed. Suspension notice served through the letterbox.
- 27.02.20 - Follow up visit by AP Hewitt. Bar still closed but no post visible inside front door showing that previous correspondence has been collected.
- 20.03.20 - All licensed premises in UK closed by national lockdown. Restrictions eased on 4 July 2020.
- 04.08.20 - Application submitted to vary DPS to Mr Theodoros Binta by Keystone Law solicitors. Updated licence issued on 18 August 2020 and emailed to solicitors with an advisory that it remains suspended.
- 27.09.20 - Unknown to City of London at the time, registered office is changed again to 27b Throgmorton Street EC2N 2AN. No application for change of circumstances is submitted.
- 10.10.20 - City of London Police establish that licensable activity is taking place on the premises. Receipt of alcohol sales provided to Licensing Authority. Further investigation into criminal activity takes place and the premises is closed.
- 22.03.21 - Mr Binta resigns his role as DPS as a result of the above criminal investigation.

- 18.05.21 - According to a later account from Mr Ronnie Cohan the premises re-opens for licensable activity. The licence remains suspended with annual fees from 2020 and 2021 still outstanding. Furthermore, the suspended licence has no designated premises supervisor. No contact from the licence holder to the Licensing Authority is recorded to establish the validity of their licence.
- 09.06.21 - Application submitted to vary DPS to Paul Kelly by Keystone Law solicitors. Visit to premises by P Raghoonath finds licensable activity taking place including off-sales to furniture outside without a Pavement Licence. Mr Raghoonath advises them to remove furniture forthwith.
- 11.06.21 - Visit to premises by AP Hewitt and P.C White finds licensable activity (including off-sales) taking place again. Furniture still outside. Premises advised licence is still suspended and they take up the matter with Keystone Law.
- 14.06.21 - Visit to premises by N Valaydon and P.C. White. Furniture still outside. Licensable activity (including off-sales) taking place.

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