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Date 18 March 2005

Dear Ms. Farrelly

The Cocoa Rooms, Salford, Manchester Application for Provisional Grant of Public Entertainments Licence

I refer to my telephone conversations with you and confirm that we act for The Cocoa Rooms Manchester Limited who are taking a Lease of the premises at Unit 1 - 6 Chapel Street, Salford, Manchester, which said premises are owned by NetWork Rail Infrastructure Limited. The premises were formerly licensed as a Bar/Restaurant and were known as "The Cathedral Arches Wine Bar". The premises were gutted by fire some 2 years ago and they have remained derelict ever since. Our Clients propose to inject a very substantial investment into the premises, (and therefore to the local area of Salford) and will be reconstructing, refurbishing and converting the premises into a high profile facility providing bars and restaurants. The Managing Director of The Cocoa Rooms is Mr. Jason Shay who was latterly the Manager and Licensee of "The Living Room Bar and Restaurant" at Deansgate, Manchester.

There have been extensive negotiations between our Clients' Architectural designers and the Salford City Council (Philip Reader) and also with the Fire Prevention Officer at Swinton (Robert Gibson); but no work can yet be commenced at the premises until the Licensing Justices have approved the grant of a Provisional Justices' Licence. We are applying for a Provisional Licence at the Transfer Sessions at Salford Magistrates' Court on the 12th April next and we therefore wish to tie that application in with a similar application for a Provisional Grant of a Public Entertainments Licence. You will appreciate that our Clients will be applying for a Provisional Section 77 Certificate for Special Hours covering the premises – but no such Provisional Certificate can be considered by the Court until a similar Provisional Grant of a Public Entertainments Licence by the Courcil.

You have kindly indicated that the Council will entertain our application for a Provisional Grant of a Public Entertainments Licence at the earliest opportunity and that the next relevant Committee

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Meeting is to take place on the 24th March 2005. We accordingly enclose the Application Form, our cheque for £812 and two plans – one as existing and one as proposed.

With regard to the Licence fee we note that all licences expire on the 1st June and we trust therefore that if our Clients' Provisional Public Entertainments Licence is granted before that date then there would be an apportionment of the Licence fee. One further point upon which we would seek your guidance is as to the requirement, if any, by the Council for this application to be advertised. We are of course giving notice of the application to the Police and to the Fire Authority but as there is no statutory provision for the requirement for advertising in respect of applications under Section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, we are dependent upon the Council advising us of its specific requirements.

We trust that our application can be dealt with as expediently as possible and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Enc. Application Cheque £812 Plans (x2)

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