

Exhibit RT/10

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Subject: RE: Information requested

Dear Nicola

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2023 (below).

Firstly, I want to assure you, on behalf of Academy Music Group Limited (AMG), that it is committed to maintaining a collaborative working relationship with Trafford Council in terms of arrangements to ensure that events at Victoria Warehouse (the Venue) are managed in compliance with health and safety legislation.

In terms of the Balcony, it is currently subject to limited occupancy pending submission of material to validate the integrity of the structure. This arrangement has been agreed with Trafford Council.

In response to your question in relation to the Appeal of the Improvement Notice (No.I/3331), dated 23 September 2021, I can confirm that the Appeal was lodged with the Employment Tribunal on 13 October 2021. Please find attached copy of the acknowledgement letter received from the Employment Tribunal. The procedural position in relation to the Appeal is uncertain and will need to be ascertained from the Tribunal.

During your visit to the Venue on 23 August 2023 you issued two notices, both of which recorded your powers under Section 20 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

The First Notice records that you have seized a file of paperwork, which you have described as a file with 8 tabs containing risk assessments (the File). You have undertaken to return the File as soon as you have had chance to read it. Having taken legal advice on this point, we are advised that your Section 20 powers do not extend to seizing original paperwork. The relevant provision is Section 20 (2) (k) which provides for the production, inspection and taking copies of any books or documents. Therefore, your seizure of the File, purportedly pursuant to Section 20, exceeds the intended scope of the provision. Accordingly, I would be grateful if you would make arrangements to return the File to the Venue as soon as possible. In terms of taking a copy of the File, you can either take a copy of it before returning it to the Venue, or upon receipt I will copy it and forward it to you electronically.

Turning to the Second Notice, it requested various documents and information in relation to the Event on 23 August 2023. I disclosed the documents and information requested in the Notice on the night of the inspection and trust that the disclosure satisfies your request.

I look forward to receiving the return of the File, as soon as possible.

I trust that the above is sufficient in terms of a response to your email of 24 August 2023 and the Section 20 Notices, dated 23 August 2023.

Regards

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