

Resident's Objections

**Objector 1**

From: xxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 1:08 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Zhulin Hidden Village new licensce application

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register an objection to the proposed license sought by Zhulin Hidden Village on the following grounds:

1. Prevention of public nuisance.

It is not clear how management aim to put in place controls in order to reduce levels to public nuisance to local residents. This includes:

- a. Controlling the return of patrons to cars parked in local residential areas / public car parks - this is an ongoing issue with other venues and this application does not provide any mitigations to address this issue.
- b. Patrons access to taxi marshals or ranks - local taxi ranks are located on residential roads. How will the applicant address the issue as to how patrons will access these facilities without impacting local residents
- c. Dispersal of patrons - how will the applicant ensure patrons are dispersed, on egress, in a manner that ensures local residents are not impacted by noise nuisance.

2. Preferred Closing times

It is not why such a late closing time is required contrary to the council's own preferred closing times (Lewisham Licensing Policy) - a policy put in place to prevent harm to all within the borough.

3. Other

Antisocial behaviour, from late night venues in Lewisham town centre, has been an ongoing issue for years. It is well known that patrons use Lewisham Car Park (Clarendon Rise) and residential streets (Bonfield Road, Albion Way, Clarendon Rise) to park their vehicles. There are multiple issues in the local area that are driven by existing licenses and will be exacerbated if this license is approved. This includes: drink driving, public urination, fights, shouting and general antisocial behaviour into the very early hours - occasionally until 7 am as patrons fail to disperse.

I object to this application in the strongest terms.

Yours,

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## **Objector 2**

From: xxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 1:37 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxx

Subject: xxxxxx

Dear Sir/Madam,

I attach a copy of the application for late night opening at the Zhulin Hidden Village which has been brought to my attention.

My name is xxxxxxxx and I live at xxxxxxxx.

I object to the application for late night opening for the following reasons:

- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder

### 1. Public Nuisance issues;

Late night opening means that many of the clientele (of the high street clubs) end up walking through local streets on their way home, often under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, shouting & yelling (& usually a lot of foul language/swearing) which is a massive nuisance to local residents.

### 2. Public Safety issues;

Experience also shows that taxis and mini-cabs and Ubers (waiting for clientele who are leaving in the early hours) park on the nearby residential streets causing congestion, danger to pedestrians and noise such as doors slamming, music and shouting/raised voices and often the car engines are kept running which creates pollution.

Regular drug use and drug dealing on the local streets is both a public safety problem and very intimidating for innocent passers-by.

### 3. The following are also regular Public Nuisance issues;

- Litter such as discarded take-away food wrappers/ empty cans and bottles & vapes.
- Damage to property and parked cars.
- Anti-social behaviour such as urinating and puking on the pavement or in residents gardens.

### 4. Crime and disorder

Cars parked in the Clarendon Road car park become the focus of more drinking/loud music/general noise and yelling AFTER the clubs have closed. This behaviour can often lead to street fighting.

Particularly alarming is the dangerous driving (impromptu "races" in the car park), screeching tyres, damage to other cars etc in addition to personal safety risks.

I have lived on xxxxxxxx for 30 years and all the above problems come into play when the clubs on Lewisham High Street and Lee High Road are given late night/early morning premises licences. I also speak for many of my neighbours who witness the same problems.

These problems impact the wellbeing of myself, my family and other local residents in terms of stress, lack of sleep, worry and living in an area that is no longer the peaceful and safe residential neighbourhood it once was.

Yours faithfully,

Xxxxxx

### **Objector 3**

From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:29 AM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxxxxx

Subject: xxxxx

Dear Licensing team,

I am writing to oppose the proposed change to opening hours licensing for the Zhulin Hidden Village venue at 100-104 Lewisham High Street. As a long-time resident of Lewisham Central I need to object to the extended hours.

As we have seen with the extended hours of venues such as the Alpha lounge, which is in the same building as Zhulin, the late night weekend openings have created a public nuisance in the immediate area. There is habitual crime and disorder with visitors to the venues parking on residential roads, creating a noise disturbance as they leave the venues in the middle of the night, habitually urinating and vomiting on the high street and on residential roads and finally, illegally driving while under the influence, causing damage to residents vehicles.

When questioned, the police have noted, there is no resource in the budget to police these late night events and with the fairer weather the incidence of public nuisance, crime, disorder and diminished public safety only increase.

Lastly I have to say, as has been the experience with the Alpha lounge, once licensing has been granted it is very difficult to amend and restore any semblance of late night peace in the immediate area.

Before any late night licensing is granted, we need to evaluate the impact to safety of the local residents and have measures in place to deal with the parking, illegal drunk driving, and public nuisance created by this type of licensing without appropriate police involvement. I therefore sternly object to the extended licensing hours and would implore the council to protect local residents and children from harm by rejecting this application.

Kind regards,

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**Objector 4**

From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: 15 April 2024 11:19

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxx

Subject: Objection to Late night opening licence for Zhulin Hidden Village, 2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street, SE13 5JH

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to this application for a late night licence at Zhulin Hidden Village, 2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street SE13 5JH.

This address is very close to residential properties and is therefore not suitable for such a licence. From experience I know how very disruptive these late night licences can be in this area, both from anti-social behaviour such as loud voices, shouting, fighting, damage to properties, eg rubbish thrown into gardens or at houses, damage to street trees etc as the drinkers pass by. There will also be increased traffic and all the noise and pollution this entails which again will be highly disruptive in the early hours.

Please do not allow this late night licence. This is not an appropriate area to have such businesses.

This application has only just come to my attention otherwise I would certainly have made my objection earlier.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes

Xxxxx

**Objector 5**

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxxxx

Sent: 15 April 2024 13:53

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxx

Subject: Objection

Dear Licensing Team,

I oppose the proposed extension of opening hours for the Zhulin Hidden Village venue at 100-104 Lewisham High Street. Extended hours have already resulted in significant public nuisances, including crime, disorder, and safety concerns, as witnessed with the Alpha Lounge in the same building. Police resources are insufficient to manage these issues, which are expected to worsen. Once granted, such licenses are difficult to amend, further jeopardising residents' safety and peace. I urge the council to prioritise resident safety and reject this application.

Sincerely,

Xxxxx

**Objector 6**

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:29 AM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxxxxx

Subject: xxxxxx

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of xxxxxxxxxx I am writing to object strongly to the application of an extended drinks license till 4:00 am from Zhulin Hidden Village. The residential streets off Lewisham High Street, for example Clarendon Rise, Gilmore Road and Albion Way, are already plagued by large numbers of people arguing over Uber cars after midnight which use these roads to pick up noisy customers from venues on Lewisham High Street.

The inevitable rise in crime and antisocial and aggressive behaviour that accompanies late night drinking will make all local residents in this area feel less safe. There is already a lot of anti social behaviour in this area caused by alcohol and drugs and I find it hard to accept that Lewisham Council are considering that extending the license of places like Zhulin Hidden Village a responsible move.

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### **Objector 7**

-----Original Message-----

Fromxxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:00 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: New Premiss Application - Zhulin Hidden Village

Dear Licensing Committee,

I strongly object to the late night license application for Zhulin Village in the following grounds:

1. The application is not readily available online and copies off the application in circulation do not open due to an error in the PDF document
2. The proposed hours are against the council's own policy (preferred closing hours of 2:30am).
3. Public transport / private taxis at this time of night are extremely difficult to get. This forces people into driving which leads to significant drink driving issues (as evidenced at Alpha Lounge)
4. The anti social behaviour / public nuisance, when combined with other venues , will likely cause an intolerable (more so than now!) disturbance to local residents of the town centre, bonfield road, Albion way and Mercia grove.
5. There is already significant illegal parking on the pedestrianised high street caused by late night venues - this new license will only exacerbate this antisocial behaviour.

Yours,

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### **Objector 8**

From: xxxxxxxxx

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:02 AM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxxxxxxxx

Subject:

Dear Licensing team,

We have been residents of xxxxxxxxxxx for over 15 years and are writing to oppose the proposed change to extended opening hours licensing for the Zhulin Hidden Village venue at 100-104 Lewisham High Street.

Our family lives on xxxxxxxxxxx and has suffered anti-social behaviour from the Alpha Lounge customers for many years: noise disturbance in the middle of the night as they collect their cars parked on the street, fights and foul language, drug and alcohol use causing damage to residents vehicles, vomiting, urinating and even defecating on the pavement.

Further encouragement of anti-social behaviour is not what central Lewisham needs.

Please do not grant this extended opening hour licence.

Regards,

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### **Objector 9**

From: xxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:26 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxxxx

Subject: License application objection Zhulin Hidden Village 2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the premises license application of Zhulin Hidden Village 2nd Floor 100- 104 Lewisham High St, London SE13 5JH.

While I understand the excitement surrounding the launch of a new establishment, I regret to inform you that I cannot support this endeavour based on the following grounds:

Firstly, the previous club at this location faced significant challenges due to inadequate soundproofing. The noise levels were disruptive to both residents and businesses in the vicinity, leading to numerous complaints. Following their departure, Alpha Lounge addressed this issue comprehensively in order to avoid repeating past mistakes and regain the trust of the community. Alpha Lounge as an establishment has worked very hard to keep the community happy by adhering to adequate noise levels and have built a rapport which has resulted in a decrease in complaints regarding noise. I strongly believe having two premises with late night license under the same roof could negatively impact the peace and well-being of the community.

Secondly, as you are already aware, one entrance will potentially facilitate both clubs which poses a high risk regarding safety and accessibility. Attempting to facilitate two club entrances may result in congestion, creating a potential hazard for patrons and passersby. Ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations should be a top priority in any new venture which I do not foresee going smoothly for both clubs. We don't want a repeat of issues we had when previous venue (Club Vibes).

In light of these concerns, I must respectfully object to the granting late night premises license to Zhulin Hidden village.

I urge you to reconsider the design and operational aspects of the establishment to address the aforementioned issues adequately.

Thank you for understanding my position on this matter. I trust that you will take the necessary steps to mitigate the concerns raised before proceeding further.

Kind regards,

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**Objector 10**

From: xxxxxx

Sent: 15 April 2024 10:35

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxx

Subject: Objection

Hello Licensing Team

I write to object to the following application

Premises name and address:



Zhulin Hidden Village  
2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street  
London,  
SE13 5JH

Particulars of Application

Applied for:

Sale of Alcohol ( for consumption On the premises)

08:00 – 04:00 Friday

08:00 – 04:00 Saturday

08:00 – 04:00 Sunday

I object on the grounds of public nuisance. Large numbers of people who have consumed alcohol emptying directly onto the High Street at 4am will cause large amounts of noise and disruption. Previous examples of this have been extensively catalogued with the Police and Council resulting from previous businesses. As a local resident, I am really tired of being woken up at 4.30am by drunk people from this address making lots of noise, urinating on my car, fighting etc.

With kind regards

Xxxxxxxx

**Objector 11**

From: xxxxxx

Sent: 15 April 2024 17:12

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxx>

Subject: Zhulin Hidden Village - License Application Objection

Dear Licensing Team,

I write to object to the above (and following) application:

Premises name and address:

Zhulin Hidden Village, 2nd Floor 100-104 Lewisham High Street London, SE13 5JH

I note there do not appear to be any details of this application available online (as should be the case). Indeed, the application has only found its way to me via unofficial channels, so there must be some kind of a breach of due council procedure here?

(My unofficial understanding of the) Particulars of Application Applied for:

Sale of Alcohol (for consumption On the premises)

08:00 – 04:00 Friday

08:00 – 04:00 Saturday

08:00 – 04:00 Sunday

My objection is based on grounds that the application presents a serious and ongoing risk of public nuisance. Large volumes of people who have consumed alcohol egressing a venue with unsupervised dispersal directly onto the High Street up to and from 4am will inevitably cause large amounts of noise and disruption. Previous examples of this have been extensively recorded with the Police and Lewisham Council resulting from both existing and previous businesses. As a local resident, this seriously undermines my quiet and peaceable enjoyment at home, with frequent instances of interrupted sleep caused by raucous and rowdy behaviour throughout the night by intoxicated patrons from the like of this establishment.

With kind regards

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