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London Borough of Lewisham
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Tuesday 24th July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Objection for a New Club Premises Certificate Hatcham Club

I am writing to object the application for a New Club Premises Certificate for the Hatcham Club on the following grounds.

I am objecting to the application for the licensable activities ie service of alcohol on the premises, regulated entertainment, including live music and recorded music. Such alcohol and recorded music to be from 11.00 hours to 23.00 hours, Monday to Sunday and regulated entertainment, including live music from 20.00 hours to 23.00 hours, Friday and Saturday.

I wish to lodge my strongest objection to this application, which is proposing a license in direct contradiction of the Statutory licensing objectives.

The licensing Act objectives

- 1. Prevention of crime and disorder
- 2. Protection of children from harm
- 3. Public safety
- 4. Prevention of public nuisance

The plan to license the venue at the back of the building was never mentioned to me when purchasing my flat in July 2017. Statutory licensing objectives aside I would also like to object the license application for the following reasons.

1) Unacceptable Noise Levels

The proposed area of regulated entertainment is on the other side of my bedroom wall and on the occasions that the hall has been used in the past, (particularly 19.01.18 when a private function was held) the noise has been so loud that I could literally hear the words to the songs that were being played. I did not lodge a complaint at the time as I thought this would be a one off occurrence.

With the noise from a bar/club in such close proximity, it is impossible to sleep. The noise will most definitely produce a Statutory noise nuisance as defined in section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, a statute that the Council itself has a legal responsibility to enforce.

You can confirm this with your acousticians in the Environmental Health section of LB Lewisham.

I am sure the Club will offer amelioration but merely carrying out some work to the party wall will be insufficient to protect me from this noise. A full independent structure such as a room within a room is the only practicable way that I will be protected from this noise and this is the minimal level of protection that I would expect the Council to require. Even without the live and recorded music, the people noise in such close proximity will be sufficient to cause disturbance to me. I assume that you will consult your in-house Environmental Health Division as statutory consultees and would expect their comments to reflect this point of view.

Should a licence be granted the so far rare occurrences when the club has been used will be repeated daily, with unacceptable noise levels mere feet away from where I sleep.

2) Misleading Address

The application also gives an incorrect address; the address for the proposed club is given as:

367 Queen's Road London SE14 5HD

This is the address for my home!

This incorrect address is also listed on the club's website www.hatcham.club. The first image you see on the website is the front door of this residential building. This is not the entrance to the Club and the Club premises cannot be accessed through this door this is the communal door for the building's residents. The door shown is the entrance to my home and such references only serve to dupe people. There are no indications on the website as to how patrons should access the club, this will lead to daily confusion. On the occasions the club has been used in the past there were multiple times when the doorbell was rung to my flat. The actual entrance to the club at the side of the building is neither well signed nor well lit.

There is also greater risk to the security of the building with people attempting to gain access to the club through the resident's communal front door.

3) Smoking Area

There is no clear smoking area at the club, this will inevitably lead to patrons of the club congregating outside of my flat on private property. This will lead to increased noise pollution, increased littering on the property and possible second-hand smoke inhalation. I also do not want to have navigate through a crowd of congregants every evening when I want to gain access to my flat.

4) Local residents affected

The club is surrounded by residential flats, many of which are home to children. There will be increased noise levels in the area due to the club as well as the increased potential for public nuisance.

5) Obscured Notice Posting

When the application notices were originally posted they were posted next to the front door of the building which is set back from the street and they were almost fully obscured by the pillars at the front of the property. This further gives the impression that the front door is where people will access the club and the notices could not be clearly viewed from the street. The fact that the notices were so well obscured suggests that they were trying to hide the notice from the public. It even denotes on the notice that it "must be exhibited on a conspicuous part of the premises where

it can be easily read from the street", this simply was not the case and would suggest to me that the application is therefore void.

I am happy to discuss my serious concerns with a Licensing Officer and can be contacted on the mobile number below, I am also happy to take time out of work to meet with a Licensing Officer at my home in order for me to show them how my bedroom is adjoining the proposed club.

Please notify me of the date and time of the Licensing Committee meeting as I would like the opportunity to express my serious concerns about this proposal in person.

Yours faithfully



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