

Objection letter signed by 15 residents

15/8/18

Licensing Authority,
London Borough of Lewisham,
Holbeach Office,
9 Holbeach Road,
London SE6 4TW

Re: New Premises Licence J6 Restaurant, 199-201 Lewisham Way, London SE4 1UY

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence by J6 Restaurant for 199-201 Lewisham Way, London SE4 1UY. The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for this premises may not promote one or more of the stated licencing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder.

The history of this premises has been littered with reports of violent crime and anti-social behaviour. In fact during a Licence committee hearing dated the 27th July 2016 when laying down stringent conditions to continue its licence the following factors were taken into account;

- 1. The Committee considered the submissions made by the Metropolitan Police relating to serious crime and disorder that had taken place. Members of the Committee were concerned that a young, 18 year old patron of the curve bar had suffered such a violent attack after she left the premises. Staff would have seen that the victim had been drinking and was vulnerable, but allowed her to leave the premises with the man who attacked her. **
- 2. The Police also made a submission relating to a fight outside the premises. A patron suffered a serious head injury. Staff did not call for an ambulance for the patron, only a first aid box was offered. ***
- 3. Members of the Committee had serious concerns regarding the management of the premises. CCTV identified patrons taking glass bottles from the premises and using as weapons. ****

Shortly after that hearing, when the licence was granted, another serious incident took place where an individual was stabbed outside the premises. This incident led to another review of

the premises licence which subsequently led to licence being eventually cancelled after objections were raised.

The number of incidences at the premises shows that its management, whether it be the original licencees or the previous one (Curve Bar) have failed to protect public safety of the people actually attending the establishment. It is likely that the same will occur

There have been many incidences where there have been repeatedly failures to prevent public nuisance ie. regular occurrences where empty beer bottles were discarded outside the premises, people urinating in the private car park area directly behind the premises, drug taking, noise, cars parking inappropriately on Lucas Street and blocking the access to the car park area behind the premises.

Due to regular fights occurring outside there have been many occasions where broken beer bottles have been found around the vicinity of the premises. This poses a serious health hazard to all concerned especially to young children as there is a local primary school nearby (Lucas Vale) as well as a park (Friendly Gardens) where young children play. Thus the licence objective of protecting children from harm must be seen to be implemented by rejecting the Licence application due to the similarity of the business being operated to previous ones.

Based on historical evidence all previous operators of the above premises have failed to adhere to the licence objectives and there is a strong probability that the same will occur with the new applicant, as crucially, the type of business is similar to all previous ones.

I urge the committee to reject this licence application based on the representations made above.

Kind Regards,

*Excerpt from Licence Committee Hearing 27/07/16

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