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Licensing Team
Licensing Committee
London Borough of Lewisham

I am writing to object to the application for a 24-hour alcohol license from the Park Sydenham petrol station in Kirkdale.

My objections is based on the history and experience of what has happened in this road:

The residents of Peak Hill Avenue, adjacent, already experience a lot of disruption by motorists trying to park in their road, especially from the nearby gym and Nandos. They have told me that they regularly experience arguments, tensions and sometimes fights because of the extensive, random parking that takes place.

This was especially bad when the Zanzibar nightclub behind the petrol station was open. Although now closed, officers inform me that the petrol station staff were unable or unwilling to manage the disruption that occurred on their forecourt as a result.

I have made several visits to residents in the road and I am very concerned about any further disruption that may occur to disturb the peace.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Liam Curran

Park Sydenham

Licensing

Subject: FW: Kirkdale licensing objections

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Subject: Kirkdale licensing objections

Alfene / Nick

I understand from one of my Sydenham councillors that there is an application for a 24 hour alcohol license at Kirkdale petrol station. This is news to me and my officers, who as you know regularly patrol the area. If we are unaware then it is also likely that members of the public are also unaware, so wouldn't be able to object. As you know signage should be clear during the relevant period (28 days)

The area itself is a residential one and any 24 hour licence, if granted, would undoubtedly attract undesirable punters from the ward and elsewhere who would cause ASB, much to the concern of my team and local residents. We have a shoplifting problem currently in nearby Sydenham Road and this would aggravate it.

Zanzibar nightclub, when it was open, also caused great problems for us, by their punters using the forecourt to spill out onto and engage in ASB.

Please note our objections – we would be happy for a more reasonable 11pm/midnight cut off time for alcohol sales in the spirit of compromise.

Regards

Dave

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