

To Lewisham Licensing

Montpelier Vale
Blackheath Village
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Representation re 29-31 Montpelier Vale – application for full variation to licence

I live at Montpelier Vale and wish to express my concern about the application to extend the opening hours of Bar Zero.

Prevention of crime and disorder/public nuisance

Licensed establishments bring a number of acknowledged quality of life problems with them including increased anti-social behaviour, rubbish and noise. In Blackheath these have all got worse in the over twenty years I have lived at 49 Montpelier Vale.

At weekend nights there are substantial numbers of people who have drunk too much and associated public urination and vomiting, graffiti and loud noise. The noise of drunken arguments and celebration late at night is becoming increasingly frequent. This anti-social activity is not serious enough to report to the police but it is a fact of life for us as local residents and largely directly related to alcohol consumption. Coming home late at night involves carefully skirting groups of drunken people and as a woman I have felt both unsafe and threatened.

My concern is that if Bar Zero operates as a late night drinking venue, anti-social behaviour will increase and intensify. It is a large space and could attract large numbers of late night customers. The other late night venue, Mordens, is just round the corner and having two similar establishments so close is bound to attract lots more late night drinkers to the village. Customers will be standing outside Bar Zero. People will move between the two causing more noise. Drinkers will be leaving even later, adding to our sleep disturbance.

It seems that the usual hours when people can drink in the village are quickly expanding and Blackheath will become an attraction to those who want to drink into the earlier hours, diminishing the quality of life for those who have homes here. I thought that the Cumulative Impact Zone was supposed to ensure that there wasn't an endless expansion of drinking hours in the village but it doesn't seem to be considered anymore.

Thank you.

Nicola