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To: Licensing

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To Lewisham Council,

As a resident of Deptford high street, I am writing to strongly oppose the late music and alcohol license application by Kick N Munch at 189 Deptford High Street, SE8 3NT, on the grounds that it will cause a significant noise disturbance to myself and others, and for the following reasons...

- . The application is to play music and serve alcohol license every day of the week until 2am. I am freelance in the video industry and often work long and unpredictable hours, both on location and at home. If I am unable to work or sleep due to noise this would be extremely detrimental to my work, health and wellbeing. The same would apply to anyone else working similar hours, or indeed a standard working week.
- The location is a residential area. There are no other late license bars anywhere on the north end of the high street (the nearest to my knowledge being Buster Mantis in the arches by Deptford Station). A late license would undoubtedly be very disruptive to the residents on the high street, nearby and anywhere within earshot. Music carries a long way in this part of the high street as the parallel buildings create a corridor that channels the sound a long way down. There are many people and properties along the high street that would be affected like mine.
- Disruption would not be limited to music alone. A late music and alcohol license would also create a hub for people to hang around outside, both during and after closing hours. It's fair to say that drunk people are very loud and inconsiderate and often shout, scream and argue with each other. Even if efforts were made to stop people congregating outside, they likely still would regardless. Generally speaking, anytime anyone goes in or out of a loud venue, sound projects outwards through the doors. Also, people would undoubtedly make a lot of noise when leaving the venue at the end of the night, causing the biggest disruption at the latest part of the night at 02.00-02.30am. There's no telling how long they would hang around outside before moving on and the bar would likely have little authority to move people on. Disruption would be heightened in the summer months when people have their windows open at night and during the evenings.
- Granting this late license would set a precedence and make it very difficult to refuse other applications for late license bars at this part of the high street. Before long there could be numerous other late license bars and this would transform the whole stretch of the high street from a quiet

residential area to a nightclub party destination with very destructive consequences for the area. Albury Street is one of, if not the oldest street in Deptford with beautiful listed properties that are highly sought after, so much so that many tours of Deptford feature this as a highlight. A nightlife culture would undoubtedly tarnish this, the quality of life of the residents and the value of the properties in this area. It would make people think twice about moving to the area and might make existing residents move also.

Please consider this objection very seriously. It would make life very difficult for myself and the many residents affected, and I am sure the bar would also find it difficult if there are constant noise complaints. A significant amount of the Lewisham Council's time and resources could also be consumed by dealing with these complaints.

I hope and trust that you will take action in favour of the many affected residents of the area.

Subject: FW: 189 Deptford High Street, 'Kick And Munch'

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From: Sent: 10 July 2019 16:13

To: Licensing

Subject: Re: 189 Deptford High Street, 'Kick And Munch'

Dear Sir/Madam,

We write to object to the application for a new premises licence at No. 189 Deptford High Street.

We are residents who live and work close to the premises, Our objections are as follows:

1. Protection of Children from Harm

The noise created from customers leaving a venue after drinking until 2am or even 3am, as they walk down the street will disturb the sleep of our children, aged 9 and 12, (whose bedroom overlooks the High St), and indeed of other families who live in the area. We are also concerned that recorded music from the venue itself will disturb sleep.

We already have interruptions to our family's sleep from people walking along the High Street talking noisily at earlier hours of the evening, up until about 11pm, and so it will be extremely detrimental to our and our neighbours' lives if those kind of interruptions extend even later - especially after completing a lengthy session of drinking, when people are likely to be more careless about noise. As it is, we notice our children find it hard to get up in the mornings when there has been a particular noisy evening. It is actually hard to put into words how upsetting it is when one is not in a position to protect the sleep of your children, which one knows is so essential to their health and wellbeing.

Please note, the problem is exacerbated on this High Street because it is very narrow and so sound tends to rebound off the two faces of the terraces and is experienced very loudly in the upper parts of the buildings.

We would also like to emphasise that Deptford High Street is a densely occupied, residential street, just as much as it is a trading and retail street, and we know of several different families with children living above shops. Until recently the High Street has had next to no late night drinking venues and is mainly a retail street, and so I hope the Licensing Team realise it will materially affect the lives and health of children living here if this license is allowed.

2. Prevention of Public Nuisance

Late night drinking gives customers the opportunity to become significantly more affected by alcohol over a longer time. As things stand the High Street already suffers from urination in doorways and against walls, loud noises and arguments in the evening, fast food litter, graffiti and even some vomiting. We therefore object to this license for late night drinking, because it will add to the likelihood of that happening and of it happening later in the evening than it currently does. We also notice that the High Street is short of public toilets which can be accessed in the evenings, causing people to use the side streets.

In this case the hours asked for and the numbers of days of the week asked for are excessive and unnecessary, especially in a residential area.

3. Public Safety

Deptford High Street has a history of street drinking problems and indeed some violence and aggressive behaviour and we therefore object to a licence that will bring about more people being on the High St in the early hours after drinking for a long period. When our sleep has been interrupted in the past, we have on occasion leant, or even stepped, outside to ask for people to be quieter and have frequently met with unpleasant responses that make us feel unsafe. We therefore object to any late alcohol license that adds to the possibility of that happening. Again we emphasise that this street is currently not characterised as a drinking street but is largely a retail and residential one, which is a safer environment and should be preserved as such.

4. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

We believe that granting this licence will provide people with a reason to be on Deptford High Street, after a long drinking session when they otherwise would not do so, which surely increases the risk of disorder and possibly crime. Given the existing mixed residential/retail use of the High Street, we think that should be protected from anything that might encourage such disorder.

Lastly, I note that the applicant has considered applying for earlier closing hours of midnight and 1am, instead of the later times started in the notice. However our concerns laid out above all still apply, as children and residents need sleep and safe and secure streets before midnight.

Thank you for considering these objections.