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To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: 123 Lewisham Way - alcohol licence objection

Hi - As a one of the residents of Lewisham Way I would like to object to the licensing application for 123 Lewisham Way, for which I am deeply concerned in regards to issues of public safety, nuisance and crime and disorder. I'm particularly troubled that this premises is currently installing its bar, prior to a licensing decision, however how the bar is being set up reveals likely disturbance and deeply concerns me.

- Bars are not all set up in the same image. Some promote sensible drinking, play quiet music and serve the community/foster economic growth. Other bars in the area attract a far seedier, more dangerous edge, attracting gangs, violence and drugs. This bar appears to be more in the image of the latter from what we can see as a 'late night' vibe, rather than a come in for a glass of wine and Sunday lunch with the family feel - it's very dark, black interior with strobe lighting set up. These kind of premises are not for locals, but attract the more dangerous elements of Lewisham and beyond.

- Bars on Lewisham Way have a very mixed track record, with the bar further up Lewisham Way on the corner of 201 previously being closed down due drugs and knife crime. Furthermore, there was a drug related drug incident last year further up towards one of the bars where a woman was shot by a gun and injured.

- This stretch of commercial buildings currently does not have any bars or music facility. It therefore does not blend with its neighbour companies nor does it follow any precedent on the parade of shops.

- In our block we have young children and babies living here as residents. I fear for the safety of these children in my block. It would be entirely unsuitable for an alcohol / music licence to be granted directly next to such a dwelling residence.

- The cost cutter on the parade already has a 24 hour off licence and as a result we already have people who drink in the middle of the night on our wall, cause loud noise which keeps me up at night and litter and rubbish extensively. This bar is likely to compound this issue.

I hope you realise now that the costs of this licence far outweigh any local society or economic benefit.

Kind regards,