

## Redacted Resident Objection

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Nov 2024, at 12:50, cccccc <xxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Licensing team,

I wish to make a representation (objection) against the premises licence application for 640 Downham Way, BR1 5HN.

Please see below the required details you need to consider my objection:

- Name: xxxxxxx

- Home Address: xxxxxxxxx

- Relevant Local Addresses of which I am a Landlord:

1. xxxxxxx (Landlord)
2. xxxxxxxx (Landlord)
3. xxxxxxxxx (Landlord)

- Specific premises I am objecting to: 640 Downham Way, BR1 5HN

- Objection / Representation relating to:

1. prevention of crime and disorder
2. public safety
3. prevention of public nuisance

- In relation to the above three points. I have been a member of the local Grove Park and Lewisham community as businessman and landlord for over 40 years. The area has always had its problems and issues with crime and public safety. As a member of the community operating a retail businesses and landlord over a significant period of time, I have serious concerns regarding the activities of this business, specifically the sale of alcohol.

- Issuing this license will only encourage public nuisances and lower public safety in the area. The application proposes that the business can sell alcohol from 11am to 1.30am Sun-Thurs / 2am Fri/Sat (please note on the application, there seems to be an error by the council stating a start time of "23:00AM". I have assumed this to be 11:00AM). Young people will only be encouraged to congregate on Downham Way into the early hours of the morning (ie highly unsocial hours) and will lead to disorder. The consistent problems in the area over the last 40 years provide enough evidence that issuing another license to sell alcohol will not help solves any of the crime problems.

- Furthermore, the local residents need to be considered, especially those that live above the businesses on Downham Way. The knock on effects of increased crime and public disorder need to be accounted for here. Granting a license to sell alcohol will only make living in those properties a much worse experience for people and young families.

4. protection of children from harm

- There is clear evidence from two years ago when there was a stabbing at this premises. The previous owner was stabbed and was seriously injured. If the council were to issue a license to sell alcohol, how can you ensure that another incident like this does not happen again? How can you ensure that it does not happen to a child? Can you ensure their safety? Issuing a license to sell alcohol creates the exact environment that leads to incidents such as these. Grove Park and Downham Way does not need a more toxic environment in which crime can thrive and put children and young people at risk

Further to my points made for the objections above, I received a letter last year regarding anti-social behaviour in and around Grove Park/ Downham Way (I have attached this letter for reference). Though this letter is dated September 2023, please note that it's contents are still very much relevant today. The letter states that the council has received complaints of groups congregating and drinking alcohol leading to anti- social behaviour. The letter further requests my help to reduce crime and this behaviour in future. This is definitive proof, from Lewisham council's own Licensing team, that this license to sell alcohol should be rejected outright.

As a long standing member of the Grove Park community, I hope the council will consider my objection seriously. I will continue to show my concerns to the council and I remain available to discuss this further.

I can be contacted on this email address or by phone (xxxxxxx). Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

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From: xxxxx <xxxxxx>

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 6:54 PM

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

Subject: Re: Representation on licensing at 640 DOWNHAM way BR1 5HN

Hi Licensing team,

Further to my email below sent earlier today, I wanted to share a few photos of the area outside the businesses on Downham Way. These pictures were taken this afternoon (01-Nov-24).

You will note that there is rubbish strewn across the street and around the public rubbish bins. This provides further evidence that issuing an alcohol licence to 640 Downham Way will only create further nuisance and disorder on the streets from a public hygiene and cleanliness perspective.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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