

Cc: Mc Carthy, Sherene
Subject: FW: Objection to New Premises Licence for Deptford Quirk

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From: Andrew ~~_____~~
Sent: 09 August 2018 15:26
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to New Premises Licence for Deptford Quirk

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a new premises licence by Deptford Quirk, located on 6A Florence Road, New Cross, SE14 6TW. The basis for this objection is that the change in hours and licensable activities being applied for will constitute a significant loss in quality of life, public nuisance and health and safety issues to the neighbouring properties in this completely residential area, as well as to the passersby on the street.

The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption between 12:00pm and 9.00pm, on weekdays and 11.00am to 9.00pm on weekends. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already blighted by alcoholism and antisocial behaviour.

The premises are extremely small, so any event with more than 10 audience members will spill out onto the street. This will mean a significant increase in noise pollution directly outside neighbouring properties.

There will be an increased danger of fire hazards once alcohol is being consumed, as smokers will congregate outside the flammable timber premises. There will be an inevitable increase in litter – cigarette butts, cigarette packaging, broken glass – being disposed of on the street and into neighbouring properties, as well as the health hazard from secondary smoke drifting into adjoining residences.

The wall my property shares with the premises is made of uninsulated brick, so any music and/or performances will be clearly audible inside and outside my residence, constituting an enormous loss in quality of life.

Finally, I am concerned with the increase in waste that longer opening hours and the sale of alcohol will promote. The premises are too small to contain proper commercial waste disposal containers, and improper waste facilities will attract pests and vermin to the area which will affect adjoining properties.

The entire road is zoned residential other than the Deptford Quirk (which arguably should never have received commercial planning), and having an alcohol-licensed premise on the street is unprecedented and goes against the concept of planning which is meant to protect the quality of life of residents, while keeping commercial and entertainment premises in areas planned for these kinds of activities.

Residents in this area already suffer noise nuisance and poor air quality from a busy junction with New Cross road, often causing traffic jams building up all the way to Alpha Road, not to mention antisocial behaviour from the Royal Albert Pub located on the corner with New Cross Road.

In view of the above, I would urge Lewisham council to refuse the application.

Mc Carthy, Sherene

From: Leo [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 August 2018 10:08
To: Licensing
Subject: URGENT

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a new premises licence by Deptford Quirk, located on 6A Florence Road, New Cross, SE14 6TW. The basis for this objection is that the change in hours and licensable activities being applied for will potentially constitute a significant loss in quality of life, public nuisance and health and safety issues to the neighbouring properties in this completely residential area, as well as to the passersby on the street.

The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption between 12:00pm and 9.00pm, on weekdays and 11.00am to 9.00pm on weekends. I often work from home, so when I am at home and finished work I really value my quiet time. To have potential noise travel into my property until 9pm every evening is just not acceptable for me. Currently noise already enters my property from the cafe that exists. The brick wall separating my property from 6A is very minimal. 6A used to be owned by number 6, so they where never intended to be separated by much insulation. As such, I can hear conversations and music in my home when people are in the cafe. If this is compounded by alcohol consumption, then the level of noise will increase, as will the hours that I experience this invasion.

The premises are very small, so customers will spill out onto the street where they will sit, drink and smoke. This will mean a significant increase in noise pollution directly outside my property. There is a small terrace outside of the Deptford Quirk and customers will use this. I live on a purely residential road and I can't have a group of drunk people outside of my door on a daily basis. There will be an increased danger of fire hazards once alcohol is being consumed, as smokers will congregate outside the flammable timber premises. There will be an inevitable increase in litter – cigarette butts, cigarette packaging, broken glass – being disposed of on the street and into neighbouring properties, as well as the the health hazard from secondary smoke drifting into adjoining residences.

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I also believe that having a licensed premises connected to my home, will affect it's value significantly. I will have to notify my insurance company and my mortgage company. This could cause real financial issues for me in the future as lenders may be put off by the added risk factors to my property. Having a licensed premises attached to my property could also put off potential buyers and again limit their options when obtaining a mortgage.

I urge Lewisham council to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

Leo [REDACTED]
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