

OBJECTION 1.

From:

Sent: 13 July 2021 15:23

To: Licensing

Subject: Objection to Goodfriends Chinese Takeaway premises licence

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the Goodfriends (GF) Chinese Takeaway premises licence. I am a resident in [REDACTED] a small estate adjacent to GF.

Public Nuisance:

For the last 4 years the area of Deptford (Douglas Way) where GF is situated has seen protracted and extreme incidents of anti-social behaviour.

It is only now, after police and local council intervention, that this is gradually improving.

GF has proven itself to be untrustworthy as a neighbour by operating late night Karaoke/entertainment despite not having a licence.

This has led to vehicles driving into DW at all hours, often playing loud music; alcohol consumption and littering; intimidatory behaviour when asked to be considerate of neighbours; being a focal point for anti-social elements within the community and wider SE London area.

In addition the proprietor sells illegal tobacco/cigarettes and this attracts particularly unsavoury characters to the establishment. This has been persistently reported and yet continues to take place.

All of the above is known to both the police and council and all has caused alarm, distress and harassment.

Please check the records of the CER team for a more detailed breakdown of the ASB in the area and the role of GF.

In addition one of my neighbours is next to GF. [REDACTED] has had cause on many occasions to complain about GF and they have used intimidatory tactics against [REDACTED], including setting up tables around her property and being deliberately loud and obnoxious; empty beer bottles being thrown over her property wall; lighting outdoor BBQs to send smoke into [REDACTED] house - there is more and the CER records will back this up.

It is my opinion that GF has demonstrated it is unfit to be granted this licence.

I wish my identity to remain anonymous as I am reliably informed that GF can be vindictive to complainants.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

OBJECTION 2.

Sent: 14 July 2021 16:26

To: Licensing

Subject: Opposition of New Premises Licence - Good Friend Ltd - 2a Douglas Way

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to formally oppose the application for a new premises licence at 2a Douglas Way, Deptford, SE8 4AG which will involve live music, sale of alcohol, late night entertainment and films.

We are residents of [REDACTED] and we live [REDACTED] the premises that has applied for the licence.

There have already been many occasions where loud live music is played until early hours of the morning and a lot of nuisance is caused.

If the application is granted we as local residents will always be subjected to loud noise and disturbance until 2am 7 days a week.

This opposition is made on behalf on the following residents:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]

If you need any further information, please contact us.

Kind regards,

All of the above.

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OBJECTION 3.

Sent: 15 July 2021 16:41

To: Licensing

Subject: Application from Good Friends

Re: The application for change to premises licence by:

Good Friends Takeaway. 2a Douglas Way SE8 4TW

We are writing to give our objections to the above application.

The takeaway is situated in a mixed residential area and with shops closely opposite and at one side of them. The upper floors of these shops have many flats. On the other side of the restaurant is a small estate which has houses facing the site of the venue and a window from the takeaway and two others from the accommodation above the takeaway.

The gardens are quite small and there is an alley between the takeaway and gardens. It is approximately 25ft so very close. Bedroom windows face the venue.

We totally oppose the changes to the license as it will become in effect a night club, placed in a very inappropriate setting.

Our children and grandchildren will have disturbed sleep as will adults, who may be elderly, unwell, have disabilities or live on their own and are scared

It will affect children's education and our work and daily life.

We have worked long and hard over the years, with CER'S, SNT and the Met Police to stop anti-social behaviour in and around Douglas Way Square, which was at one point intolerable, It is much better now but it is still being monitored. We have a fear of it escalating again and undoing our joint hard work.

We feel the late hours will attract other undesirable elements to gather and we will have an escalation of drug dealing/taking, street drinking ,littering and urination in the alley and the square.

We are concerned about people returning home late being intimidated, especially females, as has happened before.

We know from experience that as people get drunker things get much louder, arguments start, music and karaoke increase in volume and people hang around after closing time has passed.

It is a very small venue and people spill outside, smokers congregate and people take their drinks with them

We can see absolutely no benefit to any of the local community, from this application.

Just an increase in the current disturbances ourselves and others nearby face.

We strongly oppose everything in the application and trust you will take our views into consideration when making a decision.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please obscure our personal details due to past intimidation.

OBJECTION 4.



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16th July 2021

Dear Licensing Team,

Police have received an Application for a New Application at Good Friends Ltd, 2a Douglas Way SE8 4AG.

Police wish to object to this New Application on ground of Prevention of Public Nuisance and Prevention of Crime and Disorder. The New Application was submitted to me on 23/06/2021, and I have been informed that Representations need to be in by 19TH July 2021.

I sent a proposed draft of Licensing Conditions to the applicant on 24th June 2021 and was contacted back with regards about removal of some of the proposed conditions submitted. Since this e mail I have concerns that we have not heard anything back from this Applicant in way to an agreement on operating Conditions.

The Applicant stated that they didn't see the need for Condition 17, an Incident Log to be in place. This is a standard condition and requires to be in place in order to support other conditions on the licence. Without the Incident/ Refusal Book, there would be nowhere to record any malfunction of the Cctv equipment and support that repairs were in hand. This matter also records important issues like the amount of refusals of sales, how many refusals and when they are taking place. Also logging of any crimes incidents and visits made by Enforcement departments. Police feel this is a Must to be included on any Premises Licence Conditions.

Further points that have been suggested to be removed are Condition 18, around having an agreement in place with Carriage companies in order to assist with customers leaving the premises. It would be strongly suggested that the Applicant is under estimating the impact that having customers leaving and hanging around outside in the local street can cause and having impact on local community peace. It is important that local residents can see that the premises will assist with dispersal of its customers into local Taxi or mini cabs in order to limit the noise of people hanging

around outside. This business states that it serves the local community and it is concerned about the impact on residents, when this condition is designed to assist this issue.

The Applicant has also suggested that Condition 19 & 20 are not required. This condition is regarding the installation of a noise limiter to ensure limits to noise are controlled and evidenced to be acceptable to all. This condition when the premises is looking at operating Karaoke evenings and having music being played late into its licence times, will show anyone objecting to this application that the noise levels will be controlled to a level that can be controlled. This also protects that business with complaints that are made where it can evidence the noise pollution to be at acceptable levels. Police would like the committee to consider this as a major tool in supporting complaints and evidencing the business in committing any wrong doing.

Finally, the applicant has asked that Conditions 24, 25 & 26 are removed that places a conditional requirement to have SIA registered door staff in place.

Police believed that serious consideration be made to consider this condition being kept in place at certain times that have been offered.

It is with full understanding that the Applicant will look to introduce Karaoke evenings and this could bring in considerable extra business for the Premises. Police feel that when operating such gatherings late at night and at Parties/ Karaoke and private events and operating late at night this then becomes a high risk premises with Alcohol that fuels late night issues. The need to have an SIA registered member of staff who could professionally deal with the issues that come out of this type of event is a must. In the conditions being offered it has been suggested that only when the premises is open after Midnight that this is put in place. Parties and such events, require extra management of people in general, in order that this type of event passes without incident and it would be considered irresponsible not to put a limit to this risk in place from the start.

Condition 25 covers the need to have a log of who the SIA are and the times they will be on duty if required for any investigation later on. Condition 26 also requires the need for the SIA to document any incident that takes place to assist Police investigations if the need arises.

The location of this Premises is such that it has an extensive amount of licensed premises nearby and a high level of evening activity and has a hot spot for Alcohol related issues. Nearby premises who serve Alcohol and stay open until these times also have SIA registered door staff on duty and this premises has to guide towards the same levels of responsibility as a local business.

I look towards the Committee to obviously therefore consider Police Objections on grounds of Public Nuisance and reduction of Crime and Disorder. Without Conditions being in place there would be concerns over upholding any Licensing Objectives for the Borough.

Police wish to Object under Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance due to the impact that another premises opening in an already saturated area without restrictions of some kind. This would lead to more Anti-social behaviour and disturbances for local residents.

This applicant asking for the removal of conditions suggested are a serious concern and would have an impact on the local community and the ability of upholding licence objectives. I am already aware that there has been noise issues evidenced by the Local Authority CER Team and not having conditions in place would substantially increase the possibility of more complaints being received.

I object on grounds of Crime and Disorder and Prevention of Public Nuisance.

For your consideration

Regards

Simon Butler

Police Licensing Officer for Lewisham Borough

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