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Sent: 22 November 2021 15:42

To: Licensing; Lockett, Richard

Subject: New Premises Licence Application - Badger Badger, 139-145 Deptford High Street, SE8 3NU

Dear sir or madam

I would like to object to the application for extended hours (in the form of the new premises licence listed above) at Badger Badger, 139-145 Deptford High Street, SE8 3NU.

My objection is on the grounds that granting the extended hours will undermine the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance, and has the potential to directly impact my living conditions and my ability to sleep with some patrons dispersing along the footpath that runs within metres of my bedroom window.

The applicant seeks a licence for live and recorded music, and late night refreshments until midnight Sunday to Wednesday, 1am on Thursday and 2am on Friday and Saturday, and with similar hours for sale of alcohol.

These hours are well outside the preferred opening hours for venues in Deptford, as set out in Lewisham's current licensing policy, and I believe would result in unavoidable noise nuisance for those living nearby.

Noise from smokers and security staff

The only facilities for smokers at the premises are outside the front door on the pavement of Deptford High Street, at a location where the street is narrow and the buildings are relatively high. With no acoustic barrier or shelter to prevent noise carrying, even conversations between two people will create disturbances for residents in the buildings opposite and nearby.

Security staff outside the venue will also be engaging in conversation with patrons and those leaving and entering the premises, adding to this disturbance.

It is also quite likely that patrons will wish to make mobile phone calls outside on the street.

Noise at closing time

With closing hours so late, patrons will not be able to catch trains from the adjacent railway station to travel home, so they will either disperse on foot along the full length of the high street to bus stops on Creek Road, New Cross Road or Deptford Church Street, or they will wait for taxis to pick them up at the venue. This will generate additional vehicle traffic on the high street (with associated engine noise) and also generate noise as groups of people make their way to bus stops, or walk home through the residential estates that surround the high street.

Background noise levels

The preferred opening hours set out in Lewisham's licensing strategy take account of the fact that Deptford High Street has a very low level of ambient noise in the late evening and early hours, even on the weekends, and any businesses operating in the early hours will have a detrimental impact on noise levels, no matter how well managed they are.

The preferred hours acknowledge the fact that the high street has a high level of residential occupation, and is surrounded by densely populated estates and developments, and were agreed

with the intention of striking a balance between protecting living conditions for residents, while still enabling businesses to thrive.

I believe that granting a licence to operate beyond the existing hours would undermine the conditions that the council's licensing strategy seeks to protect.

Yours faithfully