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Dear Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee A,

**RE: Licensing Sub-Committee A on Monday 7th June 2010 at 19:00 hrs –
Queens Wood Lodge, 42 Muswell Hill Road, London N10 3JP**

Please find attached additional documents in relation to the Queens Wood Lodge Application for the Licensing Sub-Committee that you are due to attend on Monday 7th June 2010 at 19:00 hrs.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Cole

5. QUEENS WOOD LODGE, 42 MUSWELL HILL ROAD, LONDON N10 3JP (PAGES 1 - 4)

To consider an application to allow provision of Regulated Entertainment, Supply of Alcohol and Provision of Late Night Refreshment at the above premises.

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Friday, 28 May 2010

Olson Kendra

From: Cllr Bloch Jonathan
Sent: 05 April 2010 09:47
To: Barrett Daliah
Cc: Cllr Engert Gail; jim.jenks@haringeylibdems.org
Subject: Queen's Wood Cafe - Application for alcohol and music licence for late night entertainment
Importance: High

Dear Ms Barrett,

I have been contacted by a number of residents who have concerns about the substance as well as the consultation procedure for the above application.

Hereunder is the gist of their objections:

There was no consultation of people living in the area and likely to be affected by this proposal if it is approved.

The only notice was one dated 22 February put inside the café on the back of the veranda, which was lost amongst the many other notices. It is also not possible to easily get close to the notice board because of the patrons and often their dogs sitting in front of it. Out of hours there is a board indicating the café is closed blocking access to the veranda.

Clearly this is an invalid notice of application, the font size of the notice is only 12 and should be at least 16. Even patrons inside the café didn't see it. The café is set back both from the path and the road and there were no notices on these thoroughfares, either on the railings or trees, which are used by dozens of people daily and who also therefore would not have been aware of the application.

The application itself raises serious concerns over:

- health and safety - the wood is unregulated, very poorly lit, paths are rough and some are very steep
- public disorder - with potentially large numbers of people congregating in a relatively small space in front of the cafe, with alcoholic drinks and potentially drugs, the police I am sure would have major concerns
- public nuisance - with live and recorded music going on both inside and outside the building beyond midnight, in some cases. Sound carries very clearly across the woods at night, which is bordered by many houses. Musical events in Highgate Woods can be heard by residents in Muswell Hill Road, Connaught Gardens, Onslow Gardens and Wood Vale.

Haringey Council has designated Queen's Wood as a Statutory Local Nature Reserve because of its interesting flora and fauna. Having loud music and late night parties would seem to contradict with this policy.

I would strongly urge that local residents be consulted - there is a residents group in Connaught Gardens - their email address is connaught.gardens@btinternet.com and the Friends of Queens Wood. I would like to be informed of any hearing as I will wish to give my objections in public.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Jonathan Bloch

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Olson Kendra

From:**Sent:** 04 April 2010 15:29**To:** Barrett Daliah**Cc:** Geoff Hunt**Subject:** Queens Wood alcohol licence

We have only just learnt about this application through the grapevine. Although we pass the cafe many times when walking from our house to Highgate tube and while taking recreation we have not seen a notice of the application although there are many for lost cats prominently displayed.

We would wish to vigorously oppose the application.

1/ Proper notice has not been given.

2/ It will disturb the peace of the wood. The position is very different from the cafe in Highgate Wood. That wood is normally closed in the evenings and kept open specifically when there is an entertainment, the cafe is remote from residences (other than wood employees) and there is a strong corps of uniformed wood employees that could prevent abuse of the environment.

3/ Should a licence be granted, it would be difficult to limit its use. There are likely to be individuals the worse for drink around the cafe and although they may mean no harm there are many individuals who use the wood for recreation who would be intimidated about passing drunks on the path. The Broadway on a Friday or Saturday night is somewhere that we avoid despite the police presence.

4/ Where alcohol is available, street drugs soon follow.

5/ There are already far too many outlets for alcohol in the district. Our culture is sodden with alcohol to the detriment of social order and bodily and mental health. The time has come to reverse this damaging process.

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Dear Ms Olson

I object to the granting of a license to the Queen's Wood cafe on the grounds of public nuisance and the probability of crime and disorder.

The cafe is too near houses 44 -54 Muswell Hill Road and they are likely to bear the brunt of excessive noise , rowdyism and the possibility of drunks climbing into their back gardens causing damage and possibly setting fire to property....especially garden sheds.

I have read the application and wish to make the following points.

Overall , Muswell Hill Road is a residential area and this looks like an application to turn the cafe into a night club (whether it be indoors or outdoors)

LIVE MUSIC / RECORDED MUSIC

Application for 11.00 pm each night except Friday Saturday and Sunday where it is to be 1.00 am.

The applicant claims that this will be for occasional events where there will be poetry readings. Why is there a need for live music at poetry readings . This is absolute nonsense. It seems to me that there is an intention to put on more than poetry readings ie late night raves and discos.

PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR MAKING MUSIC AND DANCING

The applicant claims that this will be occasionally. This is not very likely, as we all know that in reality once he has set the precedent "occasional" will soon become "regular". Especially on warm summer evenings.

SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Supplying alcohol until 1.00 am in the morning is a recipe for disaster and this is where the crime and disorder applies as we all know what happens when people have been fuelled by drink for hours and arguments and fights occur as they leave Queen's Wood.

HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

If this cafe is open to the public that assumes that anyone can walk in to the woods as there are no secure gates and hence no security. Once word gets around that you can drink until

late in the Queen's Wood cafe this will attract a swathe of undesirables. How is the applicant going to keep them out. A squad of bouncers ? If so it is likely that fights will ensue or criminal damage to surrounding houses as those refused admission will be looking for trouble.

OUTSIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Even now I can hear the sounds of children screaming and crying when they have week end events during the day . If the applicant has outside music and dancing on Friday/ Saturday / Sunday until 1.00am the noise will be intolerable and totally unacceptable to those houses in close proximity.

For the above reasons I object in the strongest possible terms .

Yours sincerely