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Bar Apogee file

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29 October 2008

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Villiers Terrace, 120, Park Road, London N8 8JP
Application for late licence**

We are writing to enter a formal objection to the application for a late licence proposed for the former Princess Alexandra public house, now to be called Villiers Terrace.

As you will be aware the public house has been in operation for a number of years and, whilst there have been some disturbances from time to time, the difficulties have been limited. These new proposals are completely unacceptable on the following grounds:

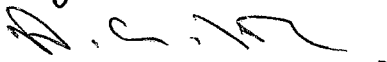
1. Crouch End is a centre for restaurants and bars; however, these are concentrated largely on the roads running immediately from the Clock Tower. That area has long been a commercial centre. Villiers Terrace is certainly not within the area already known for eating and drinking and certainly not for late night activity. Villiers Terrace stands on the corner of Palace Road which is an entirely residential road and Park Road which has many residential properties. It faces many units of housing and in fact new accommodation has just been built on the corner of the road directly opposite the public house. This part of Hornsey is residential in character and therefore an unsuitable location for a facility likely to cause disturbance at hours deemed to be unreasonable by most people.
2. Although licensees will usually attempt to manage late licences it is quite impossible for them to deal with any disturbance that happens outside the curtilage of the building. When the premises close, people will spill out into the surrounding streets with associated noise and nuisance. They will park their cars in surrounding streets (Park Road cannot be used for parking easily so residential streets will be used). When going to their vehicles they will laugh, talk, shout and bang doors. They will smoke outside people's homes and the smell will drift

into those homes. Some will even vomit and urinate in public. All of these activities will be happening in a residential area **after** 2 AM at the weekend.

3. However, it is a fallacy to assume that the noise will even finish soon after 2 AM. When people leave a club they do not smartly and quietly move away, they drift away and actually the noise nuisance is likely to persist until as late as 3 AM or later at the weekend.
4. Bar Apogee on Park Road has already caused unpleasant problems with noise, nuisance and fighting – some of it occurring on the green area at the corner of Palace and Park Road right outside the residential blocks. We have seen the police attending there. Why would a further late licence be granted to add to this problem? Local community safety partnerships up and down the UK are grappling with 'hot spots' of trouble. Police forces constantly have to reallocate resources as new areas are opened up to drunkenness, fighting and petty crime. It would be utterly unwise for the planning authority to create a new trouble spot that will have to be dealt with later on.

It seems to us that midnight is quite late enough for a gastro-pub even at the weekend and that a late night club is totally unsuitable for this area.

Yours faithfully,



Angela Greatley
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Barrett Daliah

From: Lorna Landells [lorna.landells@blueyonder.co.uk]
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Subject: Bar Apogee & Princess Alexandra

Dear Sir/Madam

I am dismayed to hear that consideration is being given to extended licensing hours-come-nightclub operation at the above. We live on Park Road, with two small children (7 and 5) and already have occasional nights of broken, disturbed sleep due to people shouting, fighting, etc outside our house in the early hours. I can only foresee this worsening if you allow extended hours of drinking/music etc beyond those current.

We have personally had to call the police on several occasions and my husband has already intervened to break up disturbances outside our house; this both makes me proud of him yet terrified for his personal safety.

Crouch End is a family area. These two venues are surrounded by residents, many of whom have lived here for many many years. Please do not make Park Road a clubbing destination.

Yours faithfully

Lorna Landells
170 Park Road

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Barrett Daliah

From: Blanch Cameron-Smith [blanchcamsmith@blueyonder.co.uk]
Sent: 04 October 2008 22:13
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To whom it may concern,

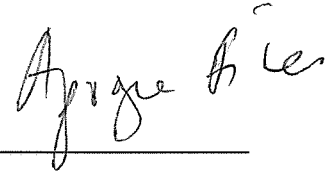
It with heavy heart that I received the news that, after having battled with others for Bar Apogee to curtail it's proposed licensed activities last year, we are now being faced with another front of opposition with The Princess Alexandra. **WHY?** All the objections the residents put forward with regard to the Bar Apogee application still apply and yet another similar application is actually being considered again. It flies in the face of public reason!

To reiterate last year's concerns, I have lived here with my family for over 21 years now and I choose to continue to live here because it's a place that always felt like home. I am starting to have my doubts and I am wondering if this is where I want to bring my kids up. To have a nightclub/late night bar/pub so close to where we live and sleep is both ludicrous and absurd! My car is parked across the road and it has been broken into on several occasions at night and recently yet another audio set and other items have been stolen. I have gone down to it in the morning only to find it had been 'keyed' in the night and has had drink thrown all over it on several occasions. I report it to the Police, but they can't do much to stop it happening again. Discarded glasses and bottles are often strewn along our garden wall or in the garden itself, not to mention vomit on the pavements outside.

Nocturnal brawling and fighting at weekends no longer surprises me, and while I concede that this may not always necessarily originate from the premises in question, to extend opening hours and further licensed activity into the wee small hours means increased opportunity for this kind of behaviour and more reason for drunk, disruptive people to loiter in the area well into the night and more opportunity for the kind of crime my car has been subject to. No more, please!?

I have a 13 year old boy with ADD, who needs his sleep in order to cope with life in general and his mother needs it no less. I have had to make him close his window in the summer, when fresh air would have been a relief to him, and had to buy an electric fan so that the noise from the cars/customers in the Bar Apogee car park doesn't keep him up, as it bounces around his room through an open window. I also keep my own window closed to reduce the probability of being woken by the sound of abusive yelling, car door slamming/ engine revving and breaking glass as people go home at closing time. I shouldn't need to.

This is something that has only happened over the last several years when licensing was first granted to O's Bar, as it was then, but the activity has become gradually more and more disruptive/ongoing with each successive ownership. This is my home. This is where I live. I have rights too, but they don't seem to matter

**Olson Kendra**

From: Barrett Daliah on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 20 October 2008 12:29
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Subject: FW: Objection to Late Night Pub/Club License
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From: dbsun [mailto:howard.sun@sky.com]
Sent: 20 October 2008 12:21
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Subject: Objection to Late Night Pub/Club License

20th October 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has recently come to my attention of the proposals of the establishments Apogee and Villiers Terrace who are bidding for opening hours as late as 3am on Friday and Sunday nights and 2am at other times as a music venue.

As a resident of the area, I would like to voice my objections about this before it goes to the licensing committee. This area is a quiet, residential area with many young families and professional people. Since we live outside the centre of Crouch End Broadway we do not expect to put up with the high noise level disruptions and parking problems that often come with this kind of late opening hours. Groups of people are already congregating outside Apogee after 1am, numerous cars park half-way on the pavement along Park Road on either side of the street and the noise level is certainly a nuisance to residents close by.

It seems to me that since many bars, pubs and clubs within Crouch End do not stay open as late as 2am or 3am why should permission be granted to venues for this that are even closer to residential homes. It doesn't make sense. I also object to the fact that if licenses were granted this would clearly be an encouraging sign for more venues like this to open in the future in/close by residential areas, thus inviting the area to become an even more nightlife/clubbing mecca.

Yours Faithfully,

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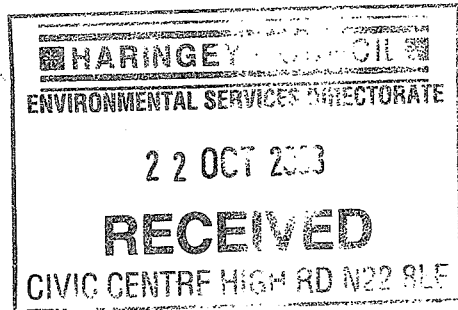
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21 October 2008

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Dear Sir or Madam,

LICENCE APPLICATION

I have recently been made aware of the application by Villiers Terrace (120 Park Road, N8 8PJ) for a late-night opening and music licence.

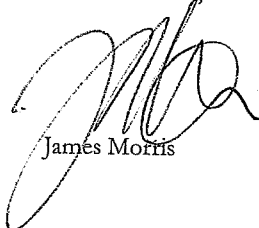
As a resident of the area, I would like to voice my strong objections to this application. This area is a quiet, residential part of Crouch End. Permitting a venue to stay open, serving alcohol and playing music, to the early hours would cause an extreme nuisance, in particular for the many families, such as mine, with small children. There is already some noise disturbance from the Apogee bar, and to grant another late night licence would add to this. I have lived near loud, late night music in the past and it was a debilitating experience and one of the reasons I moved to this area is its relative peace and quiet.

In addition, we have suffered occasional disruption when the old Princess Alexandra pub (the site of Villiers Terrace) and the Apogee bar close and customers leave along the quieter residential roads. In other words, even if the bars are able to prevent undue noise while they are open – and it is clear from the Bar Apogee licence review that this is extremely difficult – they are unable to prevent their customers being noisy when they leave. What is worse is that customers leave half-empty beer cans and bottles, crisp packets and other food waste in our driveway. Not only is it disgusting that I have to clear up this mess, but the rubbish attracts rats, foxes and other pests during the night. Again, this would only deteriorate with another local venue.

It is nonsense that a bar on the edge of a residential area should be permitted to stay open to 2am during the week and to 3am at weekends, including Sunday night/Monday morning, when the bars and pubs in the centre of Crouch End do not stay open so late – the new St James Bar and restaurant (4 Topsfield Parade, Middle Lane, London, N8 8RP) is only applying to stay open to 1:30am

I do not see how the granting of this licence would meet 2 of the Council's stated values. It will not help to create a cleaner, greener and safer Haringey because there will be added litter as well as the potential of increased drink-related crime. And it will not encourage lifetime well-being at home, work, play and learning because of added noise nuisance and disturbance.

Yours faithfully,


James Morris

Blc - Villiers