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The Chair, Members and Secretary
Licensing Sub Committee A
Haringey Council
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to support the objections submitted by Ms Sneha Raithatha, of Flat 1, Queens Parade Mansions, Brownlow Road, Bounds Green, London N11 2DL, and other residents of the same block, to the application made by Ms Micaela Faustino Da Silva, Gindungo Restaurant, 2A Queens Parade, Brownlow Road, Bounds Green, London N11 2DN, for an extension of the licensed hours of trade from 12.00-00.00 to 12.00-05.30 on Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (with the license to play recorded music extended from 12.00-23.30 to 12.00-05.00).

This is a completely inappropriate use of the premises, situated as it is in the middle of a residential block where several households reside including an elderly couple with health issues and small children. The restaurant/bar is practically invisible from the road, apart from a small sign and menu card on the wall, and accessed by customers via a dingy doorway with a buzzer at the side and a back entrance by the waste bins. According to the complaints made by the residents in their representation the licensee has frequently breached the conditions of the license issued on 22 March 2018, playing live - not recorded - music and continuing to operate well beyond the licensed hours, aggressively dismissing complaints that residents have had to make well past midnight up to shortly before dawn. The noise, the threatening and rowdy behaviour of some customers of the establishment, and the lack of consideration shown by the licensee appear to have become regarded as more than a nuisance by neighbours who now live in apprehension of their safety and the security of their property. These adversely relate to at least three licensing objectives: prevention of public nuisance; prevention of crime and disorder; and the protection of children from harm.

The Noise EHO has mentioned the possibility of a conditional increase in the hours of operation to 03.00 rather than 05.00. However, given the fact that the licensee is reported to have repeatedly breached the conditions of the existing license, there appears to be no reason to have confidence that they will faithfully observe any additional ones.

On this basis, I support the plea that the request for an extension of the licensed hours be rejected and that a review of the existing license be undertaken in the light of the reported breaches.

Regards,

Cllr. Dr James Chiriyankandath