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I as a representative of the Director of Public Health act as the responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and would like to make a representation in support of the review regarding the premises license at: **Rakkas, 365-369, Green Lanes, Hornsey, N4 1DY.**

Public Health has concerns under the following licensing objectives:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. Public Safety
3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

#### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety and Prevention of Public Nuisance**

We are concerned about the report of events that took place at Rakkas on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

Mr Ali Sukran Ozbek, the Premise License Holder/ Designated Premise Supervisor (DPS), was seen 'providing the service of a waterpipe to be used for the consumption of tobacco or any other substance on the premises' on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and therefore, served a Prohibition Notice under The Health Protection Regulations 2020.

The second incident as the Police report states on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, "*there had been a large group of individuals congregating, there were approximately 12 hot shishas, hot cups of TURKISH tea, eight (8) chairs around a gambling table, which had cards and betting chips on top of it. There was also brick type oven with hot coals in for the shisha that was completely full. Officers looked at the till which showed that there had been 11 tables in use that evening which had been served with a variety of food and drinks, which can be sent if required.*"

The current government restrictions mean that the Hospitality businesses are not able to have the public enter the premises to consume food and drink, or offer shisha to the public at the premises. In doing so the premises is therefore committing the common law offence of public nuisance. This was well publicised to the Hospitality business sector across news and all media platforms and despite this, the premises remained open to the public subject to prior Prohibition Notice. The DPS has not shown concern for the current pandemic situation and the safety of the public considering the high infection rates in Haringey. Further to this, the people present at the premises were not socially distant from other people in the room, and were not wearing face coverings or mask, which may have had an impact in spreading coronavirus in the community.

We are deeply concerned the DPS lack of regard to the law to protect the public and uphold the Licensing Objectives. Therefore, we request the committee to consider the suspension of the premises licence.