

Appendix 3 – Representations from Residents



Representation on licence application (variation) at:

The Village Kitchen
118A West Green Road
London
N15 5AA

I have represented at previous hearings for this premises in December 2015 and June 2017, where the panel applied opening hours and licence conditions. Unfortunately, neither of these rulings were ever adhered to and pre-lockdown, people could be seen and heard coming and going at night up to 5.00am.

I reported a breach of their licence conditions on 9 January 2017, whereby myself and a workman witnessed people entering/leaving the club in full swing at 5.00am and over the years since, we were regularly woken by people coming and going, associated noise and the venue being locked up (large, clanking metal gate) at 5.00am – this is still going on today.

There is also an outdoor area at the back that had gatherings of 20+ people and resultant noise into the early hours. I am unclear whether the owner has planning permission for this and the noise not only impacts the residents above the shops here, but also in the flats in Lawrence Yard a few feet away.

Having three late-night venues 20 metres from each other attracts anti-social behaviour/noise and large gatherings on the pavements, particularly at night/early hours of the morning.

The prevention of crime and disorder/public nuisance

West Green Road has been a sensitive and volatile area for many years and the Council's efforts to raise standards and safety (more cameras, upgrading shop fronts, communal garden, etc) have had a positive impact on our local community here. However, there are regular occurrences of violence, anti-social behaviour and large gatherings on the pavements, particularly at night/early hours of the morning.

People could be heard shouting, singing and sometimes fighting, cars revving their engines hard, urinating and vomiting. If The Village Kitchen were allowed to open late, it would simply add another destination for this kind of behaviour.

This part of West Green Road has residential accommodation and also above shops/takeaways. Nearly all the shops operate between normal hours. A club operating all day to 2.00/4.00am would generate disturbing and intrusive levels of noise from music, talking/shouting, people traffic (coming and going), noise of cars parking/leaving all night/morning. I have also witnessed drug taking in and around this premises.

Public safety

During the day and night, the presence of customers standing on the street, smoking and intoxicated will cause people to avoid the vicinity, especially mothers with children and the elderly. There are a lot of heavy drinkers in the area and encouraging these people is again a complete step backwards and compromises public safety. The increase in traffic will also put safety at risk in an already busy area.

Protection of children from harm

The area is becoming a better place for children to grow up in, the idea of having an all day/night club selling alcohol, purveying loud/club music and resultant anti-social behaviour on their doorstep, next to their homes, where they walk to and from school, does not create a good and safe environment for children.

I, [REDACTED]....., hereby declare that all information I have submitted is true and correct.

Signed:

Date: 30-4-2021

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 May 2021 13:24
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation Form - The Village Kitchen at 118A West Green Road, N15 5AA

Hi, I'd like to add my representation form (attached below) to request that the licence be completely and utterly declined for the The Village Kitchen at 118A West Green Road, N15 5AA. It would be an absolute nightmare having a music and drinking venue there. Not only the noise from the venue, but also the people out the front and those who would make our alleyway unsafe. I already don't feel safe at all times in Seven Sisters and down our alleyway, this would make me terrified for my safety. When I first bought my flat here ten years ago there were many issues on Lawrence Road and then they knocked down all the old buildings and made huge advancements with new buildings and it feels so much better. This would be a huge step back for the local area. There are illegal pop ups all along West Green Road and those are also not ideal, but this would open the door to all kinds of problems. I beg of you to take the local community into account and not grant this licence.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

LICENSING ACT 2003 - REPRESENTATION FORM

To make a representation in respect of an application for a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate please complete the following form. For representations to be considered relevant they must relate to one or more of the four 'Licensing Objectives' (listed below).

Please note all representations will be made available for applicants to view. If you make a representation objecting to the application it is likely that you will be called upon to attend a hearing and present your objection before a Licensing Committee.

Personal Details
Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Licence application you wish to make a representation on You do not need to answer all of the questions in this section, but please give as much information as you can:
Application Number. <i>NOT KNOWN</i>
Name of Licensee. <i>Mechina Basirika</i>
Name of Premises (if applicable) <i>The Village Kitchen</i>
Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect) <i>11 E.A. West Green Road</i>
Postcode <i>N15 5AA</i>

Reasons for representation Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives. Any representations that are considered to be vexatious or frivolous will not be considered (please see Haringey Council's leaflet <i>Variations, Representations and Appeals for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates</i>).
Fill in reasons for your representation in the space provided under each Licensing Objective it relates to.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

This is a residential area. I don't see any benefit of having a loud venue which is open at totally unsociable hours and will draw people into a small alleyway (Lawrence Yard). This will cause noise nuisance, traffic, drug dealing late at night.

Public Safety

I will not feel safe coming home as a woman down the alleyway if I know there are a lot of drunk people everywhere, but also on West Green Road. It is entirely unnecessary to have a venue here, putting residents at risk.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

There is already issues with public urination and worse in our alleyway. I don't wish to increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviour due to an inappropriate venue opening up to more issues.

The Protection of Children from Harm

Children live in houses which are either side of the proposed site. Not only will they be kept awake with the music, but also shouting and drunk people coming and going at all hours. It is entirely wrong to grant a licence for this.

I, [REDACTED], hereby declare that all information I have submitted is true and correct.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date:

05/05/21

Please email the completed form to licensing@haringey.gov.uk.

Representation on licence application/extension for:

The Village Kitchen
118A West Green Road
London
N15 5AA

Name of licensee: Medina Basirika

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I, [REDACTED] hereby declare that all information I have submitted is true and correct.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 15/05/21

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 May 2021 15:26

To: Licensing <Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Concerning about change of times for a premise at West Green Road

As a neighbor from **The Village Kitchen**, (118A W Green Rd, South Tottenham, London N15 5AA),

I'm writing to express my concern about the application for a change of closing times of this commercial property.

They want to extend their closing times to 2 am in the week, 4 am on the weekend.

My name is [REDACTED], I live next to them, at [REDACTED].

Although they have a restaurant facade, they definitely work more as a bar/pub at night, using the really small garden as a place for gathering.

The problem is the public nuisance, the high volume of the customer's music, and incessant chat that goes through at night in the small garden **at the back** of this business.

I tried to sort this out and did complain with the authorities, but this excessive noise only happens late at night, so apparently, no agent was available to check it.

This establishment tried some time ago to put a roof on its garden, clearly to drown out the sound, but I believe they did it without authorization from the council, and probably because of that,

they had to go back with their intention of an upgrade, and thus, recently, the noise only stopped when they had to be closed because of the quarantine restriction.

In my opinion, the restaurant is a facade, the big window in the entrance is always closed during the day, they work solely as a bar/pub, and the extended closing times suit better for this purpose.

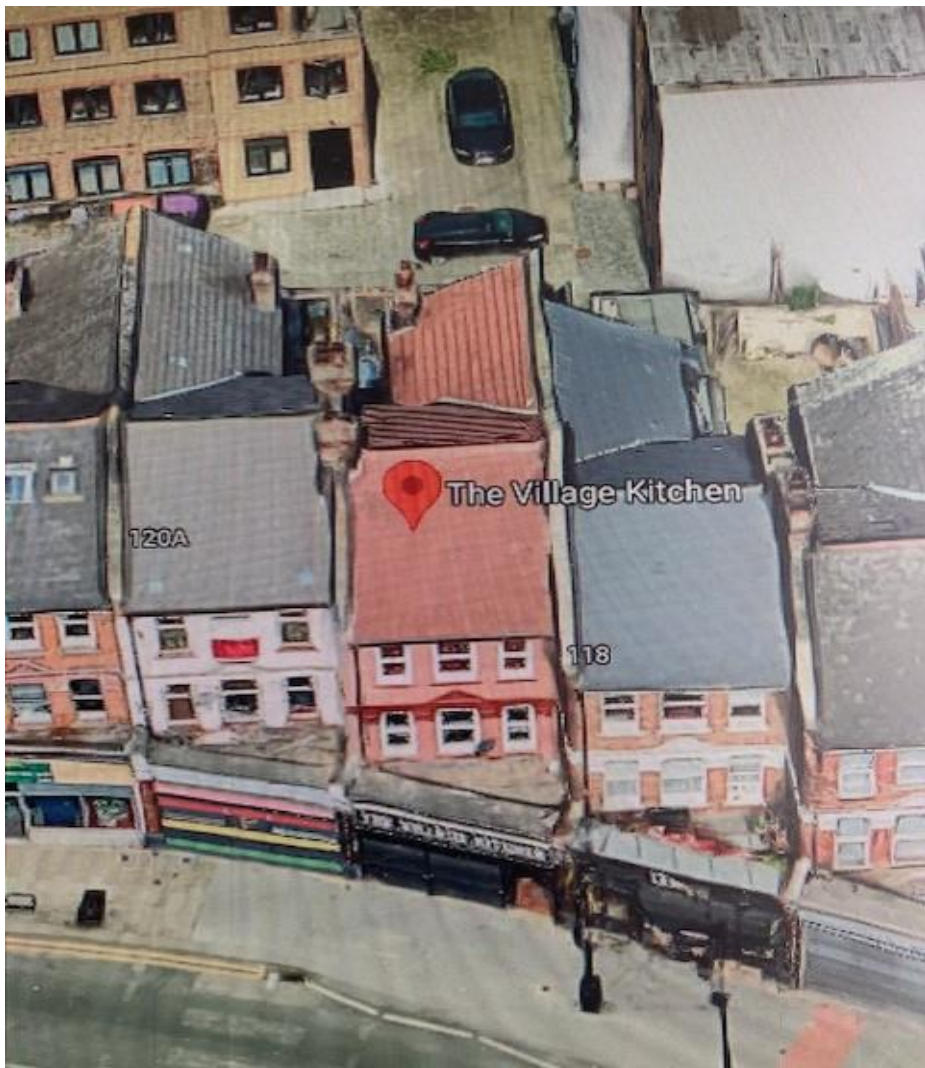
I just hope that I'm not alone with my complaint against this time extension, as the only thing that I want, not just for me, but for all my neighbors, is a time of peace at night.

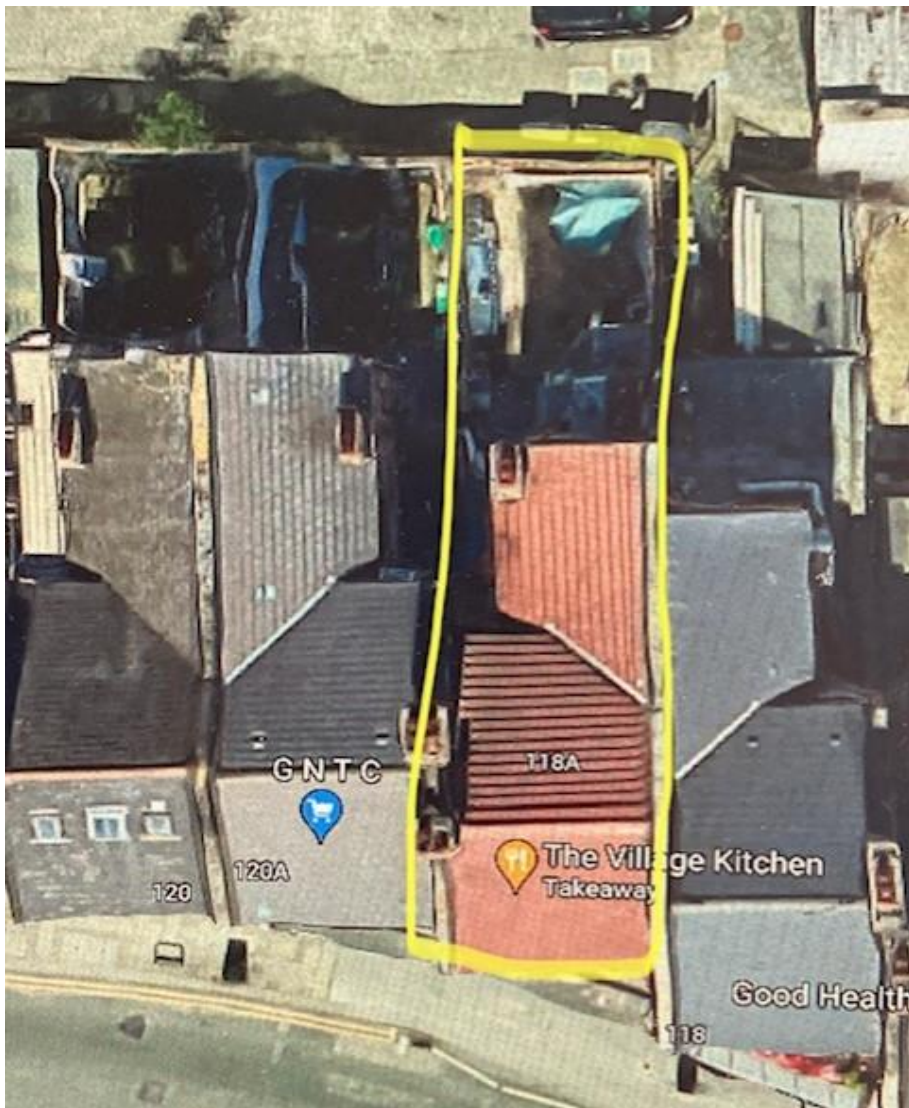
Kind regards

Paulo Rogerio

P.S I put some pictures to be more clear, about the back garden that they use for their customers.







On at least one occasion during the period of 10 working days, starting on the day after the day on which the application was submitted to the Licensing Authority of the Council, you must publish a notice (below) in a local newspaper circulating in the Borough of Haringey

**LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**

Notice is hereby given that (a) THE VILLAGE KITCHEN MEDINA BASIRIKA
has / have applied to the Licensing Authority of London Borough of Haringey for a Premises Licence to permit:

(b) WE WISH TO HAVE OUR CLOSING TIMES EXTENDED MONDAY 12:00 - 02:00 THURSDAY 12:00 - 02:00 THEN FRIDAY - SUNDAY 12:00 - 04:00

for the premises (c) THE VILLAGE KITCHEN
Situated at (d) 115A WEST GREEN ROAD NLS SAA

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at by contacting Licensing Team at licensing@haringey.gov.uk

Any person wishing to submit relevant representations concerning this application must give notice in writing to licensing@haringey.gov.uk, giving in detail the grounds of the representation no later than:

(e) 17th May 2021

Copies of all valid representations must include your name and address and will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Authorities Sub Committee, these will therefore pass into the public domain.

Representations must relate to one or more of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application.

Dated this 20th day of APRIL 2021

Signed [Signature]

Notes: (a) full name of applicant/club: (b) brief description of licensable activities and times (c) name of premises: (d) full postal address of premises: (e) the last date for representation should be written in the format dd/mm/yyyy and calculated as 28 days from the date on which the notice is displayed.