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Sent: 21 April 2022 19:08

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

Subject: The Dukes Head Pub, N6 5JG

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Dukes Head Application for sale of alcohol 12am-1am 7 days a week

I understand that the Dukes Head Pub has applied for a late alcohol license 7 days a week.

I would like to raise my utmost objection to this happening for the following reasons:

1. I understand after speaking to the Licensing department that the **current Landlord does not even have an existing or current license**. So how can this be extended? Apparently, the last license issued was for the previous Landlord, and this ceased when his business went into receivership. The person I spoke to on the phone said there was no current license in place, and there is 'no name above the door' or evidence stating who is legally allowed to sell alcohol. Is this a Police matter? Should I complain to the authorities further about this?
2. When the pub moved from its last Landlord to a **new American 'red-neck' themed bar** (is this fitting for Highgate?, or indeed for any pub in the country? with misogynistic images of women all over the walls) the clientele changed. The pub has always been quiet but since the new Landlord took over it is renowned locally as really noisy and out of control. Crowds of customers stand outside smoking, talking loudly, shouting, arguing, fighting, smashing glasses, smoking weed etc.
3. This has caused a **massive increase in noise pollution** - this affects my sleep pattern as I get woken up most nights and cannot return to sleep. It is affecting my mental health, and will I suppose ultimately affect my physical well-being. As a teacher, I have to be at school for 7:30 am and it doesn't feel right that the pub across the road from me can allowed to be open until 1am, and there will still be people shouting and singing at 2am in the morning outside my abode, causing me sleep deprivation.
4. There have been incidents of massive arguments, shouting and singing as people leave the pub - I live across the road and up by about 50 metres, so I'm glad I do not live even closer. This will only get **even worse** if there is an extension of 2 hours till 1am. Surely, there is a Health and Safety obligation to curtail a future issue
5. I am worried that this venue will attract many, many people from the surrounding area, to enjoy more alcohol (I am a drinker myself so understand 'the pull and attraction') and aim for an area outside 'their patch', which they will **disregard and abuse the Highgate village further**.
6. I have tried to speak to the landlord about these issues, and I was **laughed at and sworn** at in a noisy pub when I said how upset I was about his attitude.
7. **No engagement with the community** or responding to concerns raised about anti-social behaviour and noise pollution, and drug issues.
8. Despite watching the chaos, due being woken up, I have **NEVER seen a member of staff or the landlord outside** trying to instill discipline and order.

Thank you for your time, I really do hope you take my despair into account.

Kind regards,

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