From: Hooper, Claire, CMG [Claire.Hooper@currentmedicinegroup.com]

Sent: 03 March 2009 14:05

To: Licensing

Subject: Application for License Change: The Music Palace, Crouch End

#### Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to comment on the application by the owners of The Music Palace in Crouch End to open a lap-dancing club on the site.

I feel strongly that such a venue would be completely inappropriate and totally at odds with its position directly opposite Rokesly School and the residential nature of the area. It is also directly opposite the YMCA, where hundreds of young men are housed.

I have the misfortune to work directly next to such a club in Old Street and have had direct experience of the kind of behaviour it encourages. I have seen young women subject to abuse by men gathered outside the pub opposite, on the assumption that they work in the club. In addition, there are statistics that show an increase in the incidence of sexual assault in the vicinity of these venues.

I would strongly encourage Haringey Council to refuse the application and consider a much more suitable use for the building.

Yours faithfully **Claire D. Hooper**Flat 5
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**Sent:** 03 N

03 March 2009 21:53

To: Licensing

Subject: lap dancing club in Crouch End

#### Dear Sirs

We have just heard that there is potentially going to be a lap dancing club in Crouch End. We are categorically against this. We feel that it would draw the wrong kind of individual to an area that, so far, has managed to retain a village feel and family friendly. The type of individual that is drawn to lap dancing clubs is normally of a lewd or crass nature and can have absolutely no benefit to our area.

I would like to hear the argument for there being such a club. I will be saddened if it's the usual spiel of bringing jobs, wealth or commerce to this area, as that is blatantly not the truth.

I've heard that the proposed opening times are 11am to 2am,I know the proposed venue and it is in close proximity to a primary school, which in my opinion, is completely indefensible. So I would like to object to this club primarily on the grounds of the Protection of children from harm.

However, due to the very nature of lap dancing clubs and the types of individuals mentioned above, I would also object on the following other grounds,

- · Prevention of crime & disorder
- Protection of public safety
- Protection of public nuisance

We have also heard that the owner of this club has allegedly been abusive to a teacher at the primary school because she raised obvious objections, for this reason we would like to keep our details confidential.

Regards,

From:

dl015w6108@blueyonder.co.uk

Sent:

27 February 2009 10:24

To:

Licensing

Subject:

The Music Palace, Tottenham Lane, N8

To: Daliah Barrett

As a resident of Crouch End, I object to the proposed extension to the licensing hours of the Music Palace, Tottenham Lane, N8. Also, the proposed application to include what is termed 'adult entertainment', which in fact means lap dancing. Crouch End is not a suitable place for such an establishment. It is a residential area. The later opening hours would have an impact on the amount of noise generated at closing time [ie slamming of car doors, laughing and talking] at such unsocial hours on the many people [children and adults] who are trying to sleep.

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From: Mrs P Loud

42 Hermiston Avenue

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From: Imogen Pennell [ipennell@blueyonder.co.uk]

**Sent:** 02 March 2009 18:32

To: Licensing
Cc: Patrick Cozier

Subject: Application for Variation to Premises Licence - Music Palace

2nd March 2009

Your Ref: DB/KB/ANN/LIC

For the attention of:

Daliah Barrett-Williams

Licensing Lead Officer

**Enforcement Services** 

Frontline Services - Urban Environment

Haringey Council Units 271-272 Lee Valley Technopark Ashley Road Tottenham N17 9LN

Dear Ms Barrett-Williams,

Application for Variation to a Premises Licence – Music Palace, 159a Tottenham Lane, London N8.

As Chair of Highgate Wood School Governing Body, I write to oppose the above Application for Variation to the Premises Licence relating to the Music Palace, 159a Tottenham Lane, N8.

We note that the applicant seeks the variation to enable the premises to be operated as a 'Gentleman's Club', offering adult entertainment, including films, dancing etc. We strongly believe that the location of these premises so close to Rokesly Infant & Junior Schools and in a densely populated residential area, makes them highly unsuitable for such use. Many Highgate Wood School students live in this area and many others pass the premises every day on their way home from school, and to and from Crouch End.

The extended operating times (11.00 to 02.00 six days a week and 11.00 to 23.00 on Sundays), permitting long hours of alcohol consumption combined with 'adult entertainment', could put children and young people at considerable potential risk from adults frequenting the premises. And the understanding that no one under 18 will be permitted on the premises does not reassure us. A 'Gentlemen's Club' and the forms of entertainment associated with it would be a totally inappropriate use of premises in Crouch End. It would tend to attract undesirable people into the area, could encourage prostitution, and would have an unhealthy, detrimental effect on the quality of life in our community.

In the interests of safeguarding children, young people and family life in the Crouch End area, we urge that this Application is firmly rejected.

Yours sincerely,

Imogen Pennell

Chair of Governors

Highgate Wood School

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London N8 8RN

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From:

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Sent:

04 March 2009 00:11

To:

Licensing

Subject: Re. License Variation - Music Palace, 159a Tottenham Lane

Dear Sir/Madam

Re. License Variation - Music Palace, 159a Tottenham Lane

I wish to register my objection to the application for a change of licensing condition at the Music Palace to allow adult entertainment at this venue.

I object on the following grounds:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder. The proposed variation will increase alcohol related crime and disorder in Crouch End. The Haringey Crime Audit of 2001 identified almost a quarter of arrests as being alcohol related with involvement of young men being a specific concern.

Public safety. The Licensee has not demonstrated measures to protect public safety are in place; no risk assessment has been carried out on the likely audience of lapdancing or safety considerations to protect dancers. The councils own licensing policy states that 'the carrying on of these activities can provide the opportunity for prostitution, pimping, and other offences of a sexual nature' (LBH New Statement of Licensing Policty Jan 2008) which pose obvious risks to public safety. The applicant has not give any details of how they intend to deal with the possibility of the above in their application.

Prevention of Public Nuisance. This venue has a history of public nuisance through excessive noise from music played within the premises and customers leaving late at night.

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Sensitive locations. The councils own policy also states that the Licensing Authority will take into account the proximity of schools, places of worship, young clubs, residential accommodation and community centres. Rokesly Infant and Junior schools are located less than 250m from these premises. The YMCA is directly tover the road and there is a parish church at the corner of Tottenham Lane and Rokesly Avenue within 400m of the premises. The Music Palace is clearly visible from all these premises.

Taking all the above into consideration, I urge the Licensing Authority to reject this application.

Please ensure my details are not shared with the applicant for fear of intimidation.

Yours faithfully

From:

Sent:

03 March 2009 23:27

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Objection to License variation - Music Palace 159A Tottenham Lane

Attachments: objection letter.doc

Please find attached an objection to the proposed change of licence.

The Licensing Authority LB Haringey Urban Env Technopark Ashley Rd N17 9LN.

11.30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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Yours sincerely,

- please note we would like to ensure that our contact details are not shared with the applicant for fear of intimidation.

From:

clare mcevoy [claremoule@googlemail.com]

Sent:

03 March 2009 17:07

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Music Palace Tottenham Lane

To whom it may concern at the planning dept:

I strongly object to the Music Palace becoming a lap dancing bar on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder as well as on the grounds of being a public nuisance.

Crouch end has a good reputation and attracts families because of the housing, schools, facilities etc. If people want to go to a lap dancing bar there are a lot in Soho which is a short journey away.

It is not a suitable place and will inevitably lead to other places like it springing up in the area if it's a success.

yours sincerely Clare Moule

52, Redston Road London N8 7HE

From:

Adele McKay [adele.mckay@fsmail.net]

Sent:

03 March 2009 11:56

To:

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Subject:

Objection to planning application

Re: Music Palace on Tottenham Lane application to turn the club into a lap dancing venue

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the above application on a number of grounds. This is a residential area and so not appropriate for this kind of club. Rokesley Primary School is very close by (attended by one of my children) and i do not think it is appropriate to have this kind of club operating within school hours so close by. Girls from Hornsey Girls School come into this area at lunch time and are vulnerable to sexual and drug exploitation from some of the worse elements who associate themselves with this kind of venue. This is also a concern for the vulnerable men who live in the YMCA hostel nearby. Lastly, it is my view that this kind of venue will lend a sleazy tone to an area that has a community/family feel to it and does not fit with the needs of this area.

Thank you for your consideration of this objection.

Yours sincerely

Ms Adele McKay Flat A, 274 Ferme Park Road. N8 9BL

From:

Lorraine Croft [lorraine@corehealthsuite.com]

Sent:

03 March 2009 17:12

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Lap dancing club

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been given to understand there is a proposal in force to open a lap dancing club in Crouch End! Firstly, I would have to point out that it was kept very quiet and in fact has only been brought to my notice today, but I can honestly say I cannot think of a more inappropriate place for such a venue to be considered.

It is far too close to a Primary School (and my child does not even go there!) as to the possibilities of danger to very young persons, I feel it could create a very unsafe environment, not only for children but anyone who may feel vaguely threatened by those coming out of a club at all hours of the day and night. work at the YMCA and try to promote health and fitness. I would find it difficult to let people know where I am, having to tell them to find me, opposite the Lap dancing club!!

People tend to migrate towards Crouch End because of its child friendly atmosphere, close community ties and village feel. This is really not the kind of place that is needed in this area.

Each to their own, but not in the middle of Crouch End please.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Croft & Simon Heale 81 Uplands Road N8 9NH

From:

Caroline Blood [caroline@fullproofservices.com]

Sent:

03 March 2009 19:22

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Music Palace on Tottenham Lane - planned lap dancing licence

Dear Sirs

I would like to register an objection to the application by the Music Palace on Tottenham Lane for a lap dancing licence.

I believe there are four criteria for objection and I feel that each one is applicable to this issue, largely because of the type of people such a venture would draw into the area, putting at risk:

- 1. Prevention of crime & disorder
- 2. Protection of public safety
- 3. Protection of public nuisance
- 4. Protection of children from harm

Crouch End is very much a family community - strongly child-focused. Indeed, there is a primary school not far from the Music Palace. To provide lap-dancing 'services' in such a community, particularly during daylight hours, seems incongruous and certainly not in the interests of the families who live here.

My family has lived in Crouch End for nearly ten years, and nobody I know here would be interested in the activities such a licence would cover. However, many of us have enjoyed live bands and children's parties at the Music Palace.

I can see no benefit to the community in adding lap dancing to the entertainment currently provided by the Music Palace and I would urge the local council to give serious consideration to the wisdom of granting this licence.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Blood 113 Ferme Park Road Crouch End London N8 95A

From:

**Sent:** U3 March 2009 19:52

To: Licensing

**Subject:** objection to Music Palace 159a Tottenham Lane

Dear sir/madam

Re. Licence Variation Music Palace, 159a Tottenham Lane

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Taking all the above into consideration I urge the Licensing Authority to reject this application.

Please ensure my details aren't shared with the applicant for fear of intimidation.

From:

Troy Harpin [troyharpin@googlemail.com]

Sent:

27 February 2009 15:03

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Re: Music Palace lap dance bar

8 Elmfield Avenue Hornsey London N88QG

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the possible extension of hours and the opening of a lap dance bar at the Music Palace in Tottenham Lane in Crouch End, I think it is highly inappropriate in this residential area.

- A) It is a danger to Children who will be walking home from school as there will be men leaving the bar sexually charged and the children are in danger of being verbally abused and physically assaulted. This invites crime into the area.
- B) It is a danger to women and the general public for the same reasons.
- C) Disruption will occur because of the long drinking hours and will increase violence in our residential area.  $\dot{}$
- D) This is a family area and highly inappropriate to have opposite a school.

In short, It is a threat to public safety and will bring harmful consequences to what at the moment is a safe area.

Your Sincerely,

Troy Harpin

From: Sent:

charles.sharp@o2.co.uk 03 March 2009 19:27

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Objection to application by Music Palace 159A Tottenham Lane N8

Dear Sir/madam,

We would like to object to the proposed change in hours and operation of this venue.

It is likely that the proposal for use as a gentleman's club will lead to a large turnover of clients arriving by car, parking locally, and then leaving at a later time. In a densely parked residential area this is likely to cause considerable public nuisance to residents, as those going to the club search for parking spaces. Experience of previous licensing regimes have shown that late departing residents can make considerable noise, as well as damage property, when leaving. There is no case for the extension of hours beyond the current limits.

In terms of the particular use of the premises, the placement of such a facility next to a school and residential area seems especially inappropriate. The land immediately next to the Music Palace has residential planning permission, and a primary school is opposite. It cannot be a suitable location.

I hope you will reject any extension of hours or changes of use.

Charles Sharp & Kay Taylor 27 Elmfield Avenue London N8 8QG