

Representation on licence application for:

Mississippi Lounge
114 West Green Road
London
N15 5AA

Name of licensee: Ikoelenga Lokondjo Essumbu

I am making a representation against a licence for this premises. I have seen a concurrent planning application to build an extension to the rear premises, which would become a 'hidden' area from the street and as previous similar premises in this road have done, create a drinking den-type club that is out-of-sight and encourage noise and anti-social behaviour into the early hours, in what is a residential area.

The prevention of crime and disorder/public nuisance

The West Green Road has been a sensitive area for many years and the Council's efforts installing more cameras, upgrading shop fronts, communal garden, etc) have had a positive impact on the local community here. However, there are still regular occurrences of night time violence, abusive behaviour, shouting and gatherings on the street corners around the bars/clubs that have sprung up recently. Most of these 'club/lounge' businesses flout their licence conditions anyway, with some still going at 3/4am. A 'hidden' back room (114 plan) will encourage this further.

This part of West Green Road has residential accommodation and also above shops/takeaways. Nearly all the shops operate between normal hours. A late-night premises serving alcohol all day would further saturate the area with these type of venues (already 3 in a 15m stretch), would generate disturbing and intrusive levels of noise and anti-social behaviour.

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 obviously 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 a venue selling alcohol, purveying loud 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: [REDACTED]

Date: 6 July 2022