

Haringey Council Licensing Team  
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Dear Licensing Team

**Variation to the Premises Licence: 365-369 Green Lanes, N4 1DY**

In my capacity as ward councillor for Harringay ward, I am writing to strongly object to the application made by Rakkas Bar for a variation to their current license to allow the back addition/outside area to remain open until 23.30 from Sunday-Wednesday and midnight from Thursday-Saturday.

My objection is based on the prevention of public nuisance. Since being elected to represent this ward in May, I have already been contacted by several residents who live near Rakkas Bar regarding the noise emanating from the premises.

Moreover, the Council's Licensing Policy 2021-26 clearly states, '*A licence holder's responsibility does not end at the door of their premises*' (section 9.6). Unfortunately, the owners of Rakkas Bar have repeatedly failed to adhere to this responsibility. Residents in Lothair Road North, Venetia Road and Tancred Road frequently write to me, my fellow ward councillors, and Haringey Council's Antisocial Behaviour and Noise enforcement officers regarding the noise pollution caused by patrons raising their voices while loitering outside the premises or returning to their cars. Patrons can often be heard shouting, revving their engines, and playing loud car stereo music, disturbing the peace in a residential area.

Despite repeated interventions by Haringey Council's Enforcement officers, I have not seen any meaningful efforts to improve noise management by the owners of Rakkas Bar, both within their own premises and in relation to patrons leaving their premises. I therefore urge the Licensing Committee to consider rejecting Rakkas Bar's request for an extension of the current license, as it risks increasing the level of noise pollution and antisocial behaviour in a residential area.

Anna Abela  
Haringay Ward Councillor