

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 30 November 2022 23:22
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Rakkas licence

Hello

I live on [REDACTED] and object to any extension of their licensing hours.

The noise pollution from the bar is untenable.

My daughters room backs on to the garden and it is extremely noisy into the evening even with the windows shut.

We are unable to find parking on the street with all the guests that park on our street .

They leave their rubbish out which attracts foxes And Rats

And the noise on our street late into the evening and sometimes fights on the street (also from the beacons field pub and their beer garden) is unsavoury to say the least !

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 01 December 2022 10:26
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing complaint

Hello,

With regards to the application for extended licensing hours for Rakkas - 365-369 Green Lanes, Harringay, London, N4 1DY / Ward - Harringay, we would like to formally complain as I know a large number of the local residents do also.

Currently, the noise, litter, aggravation and illegal parking is making the current situation a nightmare, especially of the residents of Lothair Road North. Since they've opened we've had a huge increase in litter in the streets (as well as industrial waste), an increase in violent events and abusive behaviour and they are apparently in constant breach of their current license with the noise way past what they should be allowed.

Green Lanes has a wonderful history of being able to make the hospitality industry work in harmony with the large residential community. But Rakkas has not adhered to any code to ensure that the relationship the residents have with the restaurants and bars remains a good one. It has made the neighbourhood and surrounding area a more volatile, noisy, dirty area and as a community, we strongly oppose the idea of making this situation worse.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 01 December 2022 14:20
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Rakkas

I would like to comment on the application by Rakkas to extend their licencing hours.

I live on [REDACTED] and have noticed an increase in noise and litter since Rakkas opened in its present incarnation.

The noise takes several forms:

- 1) On summer afternoons and evenings you can hear music (from their back garden?) all down the street. It's often as loud as the concerts held in Finsbury Park but more annoying as it's more regular. This makes it impossible to have a pleasant relaxing time in one's own garden on a sunny afternoon.
- 2) I am [REDACTED] about halfway down the street so not as bothered by the regular noise/music from the restaurant out of summer but I know it is badly affecting some of my neighbours.
- 3) Since Rakkas opened it it's current form the level of passing noise has risen: I'm aware of a lot of drunk shouting/singing/arguing between 10pm and midnight which is sometimes alarming. Also idling cars and beeping - I imagine cars picking up those drunk people!

Green Lanes is obviously a lively area and some noise is to be expected. But it is also a residential area and we must all coexist together. I don't wish to be a nimby but Rakkas has changed over the years from a restaurant with occasional live music (usually acoustic, in a corner) to something with a much more nightclubby vibe. They make much of their garden which is where - as far as I can see - a lot of the noise comes from. Gardens are nice for restaurants but less good for nightclubs.

I'd contrast with Brouhaha further down Green Lanes who (when I've been there as a customer) are always really careful to have everyone inside by the required time.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 01 December 2022 17:58
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: objection re licencing change for Rakkas

My name is [REDACTED].

This is the residential road affected by the activities at Rakkas restaurant/club on Green Lanes. Rakkas has applied to extend its hours of operation. I object very strongly to this application for the reasons outlined below. [I have used the online form as a template - I could not work out how to fill that out and email it as an attachment]

Application Number.....not known.....

Name of Licensee.....Rakkas.....

Name of Premises (if applicable)...Rakkas.....

Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect).....365-369 Green Lanes, Haringay, London, N4 1DY

My main objections fall under the heading of:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Currently Rakkas is already causing many problems for residents in Lothair Road North. It backs onto our road and has built an extension out from behind the Green Lane premises which affects us. There is already serious noise nuisance which is a major concern. Also it is exceedingly difficult for residents in Lothair Road North to find parking at the weekends in particular, and late in the evening generally.

The nuisance that is being caused is very upsetting, and extremely so for those nearest the Green Lanes end of the road.

There have already been many objections raised about Rakkas with the council and I understand that Rakkas has already been in breach of its current license on occasion and that the council is aware of this. I would hope therefore that our objections to any extension of hours will be enough to stop the application.

It would be horrendous if this application to extend their hours was allowed. The noise nuisance would be much worse, being later. It will affect people's health because of the impact on sleep.

I understand that one aspect of the application to extend hours would mean the back extension area would extend its hours from 21.00 to 23.30 or midnight. It is this area that causes the worst public nuisance because it is open and the noise is so intrusive.

There are also lots of people milling about late at night in our road, getting into their cars, and talking loudly and this often wakes me.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

There is drug dealing occurring at the end of our road near Green Lanes. It is extremely obvious and makes me feel unsafe when walking there late at night. I do not know to what extent this is related to Rakkas but it seems to have arisen since the premises open. If there is more drinking there at later hours I feel this problem will worsen.

Public Safety

As noted above, I already feel unsafe at night because of the drug dealing. There are also lots of people milling about late at night in our road, getting into their cars, and talking loudly and this is not a safe environment for residents either.

In sum, I object strongly to all elements of the Rakkas' application.

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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]
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.....
Postcode.. [REDACTED]

Licence application you wish to make a representation on
<i>You do not need to answer all of the questions in this section, but please give as much information as you can:</i>
Application Number
Name of Licensee ^{Rakkas}
Name of Premises (if applicable) ^{Rakkas}
Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect)
.....
..... 365-369 Green Lanes, Harringay, London, N4 1DY
Postcode ^{N4 1DY}

Reason/s for representation
<i>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 Variations, Representations and Appeals for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates).</i>
<i>Fill in reason/s for your representation in the space provided under each Licensing Objective it relates to.</i>

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Since the opening of Rakkas, there are drunk people on the street making noise after the club/ restaurant closes. Increasing the hours would have a horrific impact on the wellbeing of residents on the street.

The music is already very loud and can be heard from our house, this is very disruptive particularly with young children.


Public Safety

There is increased pollution from the additional parking, empty bottles, drunk people wandering around our street after going to Rakkas. This has all increased significantly since the opening of the restaurant/bar. I do not feel safe on the street.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Since the opening of Rakkas, there is barely any parking on our street in the evenings because all the guests park there.

The Protection of Children from Harm

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

Signed:



Date: 2nd Dec 2022

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