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Subject: Maxxi Review comments

Dear Daliah,

I hope you are well. Please see below mine and Cllr Johnson's comments on the Maxxi review and please keep us updated as to when the committee will meet.

Cllr Johnson and I are writing to support the review of Tops Newsagent (Maxxi Food & Wine), in relation to the prevention of public nuisance. We have received a number of correspondences from the residents of Elder Avenue and Topsfield Parade regarding ASB, litter and noise disturbances.

The Newsagent is known to sell Nitrous Oxide, which although is legal, we believe is being sold with the intention of inhalation. There have been numerous cases of evidence of nitrous oxide inhalation along Elder Avenue. There has been discarded NOS cannisters and balloons, which indicate that the NOS has been sold and inhaled. The main area where the discarded NOS and balloons are found is on Elder Avenue, specifically it is at the only point where the residents who live above the shops on Topsfield Parade can access their homes. A congregation of people taking NOS outside the entrance to someone's home can be intimidating and force people to stay home as there is no way to avoid the area. While we are aware that we cannot prove decisively that Maxxi are selling NOS with the intention of inhalation, we are in no doubt that they are aware that it is being inhaled in close proximity to their premises.

We know that further afield in Crouch End, NOS cannisters have been found close to Highgate Wood School. We are concerned that NOS is being sold to children across the borough, which is illegal under any circumstances. Banning the sale of NOS borough/city/nation wide would be our preferred option, but on the most local level we believe that shops, such as Maxxi, should be banned from selling it altogether as a condition on their license in the enforcement of the protection of children from harm objective.

We would strongly recommend a condition on their license forbidding the sale of NOS as well as potentially a change of DPS. We believe that firm action is needed to ensure the protection of children from harm and of protection of public nuisance, we understand there is further evidence that the Licensing committee will hear from residents, and we will fully support a committee decision of stronger conditions or a removal (temporary or permanent) of Maxxi's license.

Best wishes,
Lester & Cressida

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