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POLICE REPRESENTATION

Application for a Premises Licence – 83 Mayes Road, Wood Green, London N22 6UP

I write on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. This application for a second licence at this premises, is made by Smoky Limited. The times requested for the premises are:

Regulated Entertainment: Live Music, Recorded Music & Anything of a similar description.

Sunday to Wednesday	1000 to 0000 hours
Thursday	1000 to 0030 hours
Friday to Saturday	1000 to 0100 hours

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Wednesday	2300 to 0000 hours
Thursday	2300 to 0100 hours
Friday to Saturday	2300 to 0130 hours

Sale of Alcohol

Sunday to Wednesday	1000 to 0000 hours
Thursday	1000 to 0030 hours
Friday to Saturday	1000 to 0100 hours

Supply of alcohol **ON** and **OFF** the premises.

Hours open to Public

Sunday to Wednesday	0800 to 0030 hours
Thursday	0800 to 0100 hours
Friday to Saturday	0800 to 0130 hours

I wish to make representations to against this application, because if granted in its current form, I believe the following licensing objective will not be upheld:

- **The prevention of public nuisance.**
- **The prevention of crime and disorder.**

The front of this premises is located on Mayes Road at the junction with Coburg Road, the premises is embedded in a residential neighbourhood. Opposite and along Mayes Road there are only residential houses, and Coburg Road also contains residential houses. Below are pictures of the street around the premises.



Compared to the current licence in place at the premises, this application seeks the addition of regulated entertainment. But also seeks an extension of licensable activity on Sunday to Wednesday by half an hour, on Thursday by an hour, and Friday and Saturday by an hour, on each day the premises will also remain open for a further half an hour. This means that throughout the week this premises will be operating very late hours, and this will have a detrimental impact to the locality. This premises will be operating at a later hour means that patrons will be at the premises for longer which means there is an increased risk that they will consume more alcohol, and as a result increase the risk of public nuisance and alcohol driven crime, these problems will also likely spill out onto the street. At the rear of the premises there is an area for the consumption of shisha, this room has a canopy above which can make the room fully enclosed or open, this area is within the footprint for licensable activity. The application makes no condition that this canopy needs to be enclosed by a certain time only that noise assessments will be regularly conducted. I am concerned that a shisha area that is unenclosed until 12:30 on Sunday to Wednesday, 01:00 on Thursday, and 01:30 on Friday and Saturday, will cause a nuisance and disturbance to nearby residents from loud patrons who have been drinking until late, and the noise from recorded and live music emanating from this space. I do not consider routine noise assessments alone to be an adequate safeguard against this risk. Photographs of the unenclosed shisha lounge are below.





As a result of these concerns, on Monday 18th November PS Jones and I had a Teams meeting with the applicant and their licensing agent, we discussed our concerns particularly relating to the late hours and the noise concern relating to the shisha lounge. This was followed up by an email to the licensing consultant to agree to certain changes in the application, two days later, I received a reply. Unfortunately, the applicant did not agree to the recommendation to end all licensable activity at 22:00 Monday to Thursday, and at 00:30 on Friday and Saturday. The applicant also did not agree to enclose the shisha lounge by 22:00.

I would note that the applicant has agreed to surrender the previous licence the day after this licence would be granted. And that an addition to the CCTV conditions: "CCTV will be provided to police or a licensing officer from the local authority". They have also provided more concrete proposals for how they will implement a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs. The premises has also agreed to a rephrasing of a condition relating to litter: "the kerb and pavement adjoining the premises shall be kept clean and free of litter by premises staff".

In conclusion, due to the late operating hours at the premises and the unenclosed shisha area remaining open until the terminal hour, I am left with no alternative but to oppose this application in its current form. Otherwise, there will be a risk of increased public nuisance and crime and disorder in a very residential area.

Yours faithfully,

PC Peters

PC Francis Peters

Licensing officer – North Area BCU