

**Barrett Daliah**

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**From:** Pauline [paulinesyddell@blueyonder.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 17 December 2009 21:15  
**To:** Barrett Daliah  
**Subject:** re: Licensing application for the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre  
**Attachments:** view from Pauline's bedroom window.JPG; view from Pauline's bedroom window 1.JPG;  
re licensing application for cyprus kitchen.doc

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With best regards

Pauline Syddell

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17th December

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I am writing to you both as a member of the Harringay Gardens Neighbourhood Watch, and as a concerned local resident, to oppose this licensing application for the 'Turkish Cypriot Community Centre'. This property is known to local residents as the Cyprus Kitchen, residents have never been consulted about a community centre at this location.

I believe that granting a licence for the activities and hours requested would be against the general principles of Haringey's Licensing policy and specifically the Prevention of Public Nuisance, not least in the light of the applicant's track record of noise nuisance.

My objection is based on the following:

The close proximity of The 'Turkish Cypriot Community Centre' to number 2, 4 and 6 Haringay Gardens is of extreme concern. This 'centre' is adjacent to the rear of these houses where I live. My property is a flat on the first floor of a converted two storey house, and my bedroom is at the rear of the property directly overlooks this 'centre'. The distance between my bedroom window and the 'centre' grounds is 7 meters! Please see photos attached.

The residents of Haringay Gardens have been suffering for years due to temporary licensed and unlicensed events held at this property and the Haringey noise team have been called out on many occasions. The problems these events have caused residents will almost certainly continue, only more persistently and for longer, later hours should they be given a license.

The most recent event the residents reported to the Haringey noise team was on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November when once again the loudness of the music reached unacceptable levels. Mr Roberts of the noise team visited my property at 2215hrs by which time they had shut the windows and the rear doors were shut, and although you could still hear the music from the venue, it was not as loud as it had been 20 minutes prior. After looking through his notes Mr Roberts commented that this 'centre' had already received a warning and also an abatement notice and this latest incident will be recorded. Mr Roberts telephoned me after he had visited the 'centre' and told me he had advised them to turn the music down and reminded them they had to finish promptly at 2300hrs. Mr Roberts also said that the venue manager told him that this was a private hire, so he had to speak with the person who was in charge of that particular event.

Other problems that have been reported to and recorded by the council include:

- Licensed events going on way past the time they are licensed to end at.
- The double doors leading from the property to the rear garden are in constant use during events with patrons continually going in and out of these doors to the garden to smoke or use their mobile phones, causing loud blasts of noise every time the doors open.
- Windows are opened periodically during an event causing the noise level heard from outside the venue to increase dramatically.
- Unsupervised children throwing fireworks at each other. (One firework landed in a resident's garden.)
- Unsupervised children throwing stones at a cat in a resident's garden.
- Children and adults attending the 'centre' being disrespectful to residents.
- Events and music going on until up to 2am.
- Residents are unable to enjoy their own gardens. One example is when a barbeque held in a neighbour's garden had to be abandoned due to the noise coming from this centre. They were forced to continue their social event in doors with doors and window closed on a lovely summer's evening.

- On many occasions after an event has 'finished', the patrons congregate in the rear garden directly below my bedroom window, drinking, talking and smoking. Not only does the talking keep me awake, I also have the smell of cigarette smoke coming in through my bedroom window, which is a major problem for me as I suffer with asthma.
- I am often forced to sleep on my sofa in the living room (at the front of my property) when the noise coming from the 'centre' is too bad, only to be woken up when the event finishes by patrons returning to their cars parked in Harringay Gardens, slamming car doors and having conversations in the street directly below my living room window.
- Before returning to their cars, many of the 'centre's' patrons purchase food such as kebabs and chips from local shops. After consuming their food and littering the streets with their food wrappings and uneaten food, they somehow mistake either the tree outside the Vet's or the tree near number 2 Harringay Gardens for a urinal.
- The organisers of many of the events held at this 'centre' have been less than truthful to the attending noise teams, wasting their time by claiming they have temporary licenses for events. On one occasion Mr Buckle had to visit them 3 times in one evening before he finally shut them down at almost midnight after it was confirmed they did not have a temporary license.

I believe that the following statement in the Borough's licensing policy 2008 supports my objection:

- This licensing policy statement is intended to support the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy by reducing the impact of drink related antisocial behaviour and the environmental crimes and nuisance that can be associated with licensed premises. (7.12)
- The Council will have special regard to the local impact of licensing on related crime and disorder ... particularly when concerning location, impact, operation and management of all proposed licenses, applications, renewals and variations of conditions. (8.6)
- Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning, can cause a wide range of nuisances that can impact on the people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the licensed premises. **The Council is committed to protecting the residents in the vicinity of these licensed premises.** (14.1)
- Noise nuisance is of particular concern. (14.3)
- The potential for additional crime and disorder and/or public nuisance is increased with longer hours. (19.1).
- In particular, late night activities cause much of this nuisance. Late night cafes can have a number of adverse effects on the residents in the vicinity of these premises. Nuisance such as noise, litter, anti-social behaviour, lights and odour all contribute to the loss of amenity to the general public. (14.2)

I work 5 – 6 days a week, starting work at 7am, which means I need to go to bed by 10pm (often earlier). An 11pm license every day would be injurious to the quality of my life and

have a detrimental effect on my health and that of other residents that have to get up early to go to work or work shifts.

Many residents work every day and look forward to the festive break, and should be allowed to enjoy this time of year to spend quality time with family and friends and not be subjected to noise and aggravation that will result from events allowed to take place at this 'centre' until 2am on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

The above comments and objectives make it very clear that residents are extremely concerned about allowing late hours for premises which are surrounded by residential properties. The location of this 'community centre' as it is now calling itself is totally inappropriate to hold any kind of event that may cause noise and distress to residents.

It is with reluctance, I propose the following compromise, providing assurance is given that any contravention will result in the licence being revoked.

**SUNDAYS:** - No events at all to be held. (Residents need one full day of rest)

**MONDAYS – THURSDAYS:** No events at all after 7pm.

Events held during the day: Children must be supervised at all times and noise kept to a minimum. (This will allow residents to get to sleep on work/school nights).

**FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & CHRISTMAS EVE:** until 11pm

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**Providing the following is adhered to:**

- The rear doors and windows are kept closed all the time (as suggested by the noise team on more than one occasion). The large area at the front of the premises should be designated for smoking and mobile phone use.
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Yours sincerely

Pauline Syddell

**Barrett Daliah**

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**From:** Pauline [paulinesyddell@blueyonder.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 December 2009 00:11  
**To:** Barrett Daliah  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing application for the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre

Dear Ms Barratt

Further to my letter dated 17th December opposing the licensing application for the venue at 628-630 Green Lanes.

After suffering music coming from this venue, thumping through my walls all evening, I finally called the LBH noise team at 2310hrs. I received a call back at 2320hrs. I was told that the venue only has a temporary license until 2300hrs and that another resident had also complained. I was told Mr Malcolm was on his way to visit my neighbour and that he would only call on me if he needed to.

Mr Malcolm of the noise team visited my neighbour at nbr 2 at 2330hrs and witnessed the event was still in full swing, and immediately went around to the venue to shut them down. The venue went quiet immediately after Mr Malcolm's visit.

I was given a reference for my call: 143821, and would like this incident to be included in my objection to the license being granted. I tried to go to bed at 2200hrs this evening and I can confirm the venue had all doors and windows shut and yet I still could not sleep because of the thumping bass.

As the LBH noise team have already confirmed to myself and other residents that this venue has already been given a warning and an abatement notice, please can you advise if you will be taking any further action against them for this latest infringement of their temporary license?

In my letter of 17th December I did try to be reasonable and suggest a compromise regarding times of licensing to this venue, however if they cannot abide by the rules of a temporary license granted to them in the period just before their licensing application hearing, I do not believe that they will have any consideration whatsoever to residents should they be granted any type of license.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm that you have been passed the details of this latest incident from the noise team.

Yours sincerely  
 Pauline Syddell

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Barrett Daliah  
**To:** Pauline  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 9:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Licensing application for the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre

Received thanks

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**From:** Peppe Lama [peppelama@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** 18 December 2009 18:56  
**To:** Barrett Daliah  
**Subject:** RE CYPRUS KITCHEN LICENSING APPLICATION

Dear Ms Barrett,

I'm writing to you in regards to the above mentioned application, to join my neighbours and object to the licensing of the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre, 628-630 Green Lanes, N8 OJD.

My objection is based on the following:

I live in Harringay Gardens, at no 6 on the ground floor. My flat has a back garden which is adjacent to the outdoor area of Cyprus Kitchen where its guests gather to smoke cigarettes, socialise and let the children out to play.

Nothing wrong with that, only these people can be very loud, play loud music into the small hours of the night, and the children can scream continuously, and I think when someone's personal space takes over someone else's we have a problem.

When I chose to live here my decision was based on a nice and tranquil neighbourhood as well as other aspects, and I fear I'm going to lose that commodity I actually pay for.

In the summer for example, the only time of the year I could enjoy sitting in the garden after a day at work, I've often returned home only to find complete chaos at the other end of my garden. At times it got so unbearable that I was forced to shut the windows and doors to the garden and retreat indoors to boil in my own flat!

And because these people have carried on partying loudly into the night without care in the world and no respect for other people's lives, I've had to put up with the noise coming through my bedroom, which unfortunately faces the garden, so I had literally people partying in my face, while I was desperately trying to get some sleep.

No one should have to put up with that.

The times I've tried to enjoy the garden eventually I've had to retreat anyway, on one occasion because these people's children were throwing pebbles at my cats right into my garden, and of course I was hit by them too, just under the eyes of their parents/tutors, whom couldn't care less.

The other problem with Cyprus Kitchen is that their guests eventually live the premises to return to their cars parked on Harringay Gardens, (that's where most people's houses have their reception room, including mine), but not before having spent some time chatting loudly, slamming car doors and leaving behind a trail of rubbish generated by their take-aways.

So if I can't get any peace & quiet in my bedroom, and I can't get any in my living room either, am I supposed to stand in the hall until they decide to leave the premises?

The problem with them is that they've never tried to show any respect for anyone around them, neither their neighbours nor the law by hosting parties without a licence, not even when they've been directly solicited by Haringey Council's Noise Team to keep the noise down.

Their careless attitude and disrespect should not be rewarded with a licence, because even if they agreed to certain restrictions and regulations, they would treat the whole matter with completely disregard, and it's wrong that honest hardworking people who want to enjoy a bit of peace should have to suffer the consequences.

Yours sincerely,

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I am writing to oppose the license applied for by the owners/managers of the premises at 628-630 Green Lanes. The application states this premises is called the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre, however residents know this as the Cyprus Kitchen. The local residents have never been consulted about a Community Centre at this location and would most certainly have opposed this due to the close proximity of residential houses.

The problems caused to local residents by previous events held at this venue include excessive noise, anti social behaviour and intimidation. Their track record in respecting local resident's human rights speaks for itself. You will find they have already been served with a warning and an abatement notice by the council noise team.

The Cyprus Kitchen (apparently now known as the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre) is only 7 meters from the back of house numbers 2, 4 and 6 Harringay Gardens. This 'Centre' runs adjacent to the rear of my house. The distress and anxiety that events held here have caused me over the years, many without council knowledge or permission has been excruciating. The council noise team have been regular visitors to my property during these events and have been very supportive and critical of these events. To consider giving a full license to this property would only increase the problems for both the residents and the council noise team.

The most recent event I called the noise team about was on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. I was informed that they had been given a temporary license for this event, however, they left the rear doors and windows open and I was subjected to a whole evening of loud music, shouting and clapping, smoking and talking loudly in their garden.

I reach retirement age in February next year (2010) and was looking forward to spending my twilight years pursuing my hobbies of gardening and reading. As my garden shares a wall with this centre my plans and quality of life, after all my years of working, will be shattered.

I have incurred many sleepless nights because of loud music going on at this centre until up to 2am. On many occasions after an event has finished, their guests gather in the garden drinking, talking loudly and smoking. This is not considered by the noise team as loud enough to reprimand them about, but I am sure you will appreciate that in the quiet of the night consistent noise like this does stop me sleeping and with the sleep deprivation I get angry which causes anxiety and make me feel ill.

Other experiences with events held at this property have included objects and fireworks thrown into my garden and abuse directed at me when I have politely asked them to stop. Very often children are left unsupervised, screaming in the centre's garden for many hours, causing me to have to retreat from my own garden and sit in my flat with all doors and windows shut in the height of summer. Even then I can still hear the thumping noise. On one occasion I had to abandon a barbecue I held for friends and neighbours as we could not hear each other speak due to the loudness of their music and also the intimidation of men attending the event at the centre looking over my garden wall.

Upon seeking advice I believe that granting a licence for the activities and hours requested would be against the general principles of Haringey's Licensing policy and specifically the Prevention of Public Nuisance, not least in the light of the applicant's track record of noise nuisance, and that the following statements in the Borough's licensing policy 2008 supports my objection:

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Not only do I object to a 7 day a week license, I also object to a license until 2am on Christmas Eve and at New Year. As a Christian I value Christmas and I cook dinner for family and friends who visit me on Christmas day. I have to get up early on Christmas day and do not relish the thought of being kept awake until 2am plus on Christmas morning, hence ruining my Christmas Day.

I have spoken to few of the local residents and we have come up with a compromise that we feel could work for both parties, and we would be reluctantly willing to give our approval for the following licensing hours, providing assurance is given that any contravention will result in the licence being revoked.

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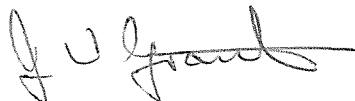
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