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20th December 2009

Dear Ms Barrett

Re: Premise Licence: Turkish Cypriot Community Centre, 628-630 Green Lanes, N8 OJD

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I am writing to you in regard to the above licencing application for the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre which I would like to register my opposition to. I do realise that 'The Cyprus Kitchen. is a social resource for the local Cypriot community, but unfortunately residents have never been consulted about a community centre in our locality.

This community centre has an unfortunate track record of noise nuisance. My neighbours have been unable to sleep at night because of booming bass music coming from their social events which do not seem to follow the regulations as to ending times. The Cypriot Community centre is close to number 2, 4 and 6 Haringay Gardens and this has always caused problems. The back of these properties directly overlooks this centre.

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 28th November when once again the loudness of the music reached unacceptable levels. Mr Roberts of the noise team was called out at 10.15 pm

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, drinking, talking and smoking.
- when the event finishes patrons return to their cars parked in Haringay Gardens, slamming car doors and having conversations in the street
- 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 Haringay 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.

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.

We would like to 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

NEW YEAR'S EVE: until 1am

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.
- Install air conditioning so that they do not have to open the rear windows.
- Install sound insulation and ensure music is kept to a level that does not encroach on residents.
- Residents of Harringay Gardens (only 18 houses) and neighbouring houses on Green Lanes will be leafleted in advance of events to enable them to make provisions for parking.
- Residents are provided with a phone number for the event organiser.
- The event organiser is responsible for ensuring patrons leave quietly and do not litter/urinate in the streets.

Yours sincerely

Anna Davies

Barrett Daliah

From: LCYTLAU@NSPCC.org.uk
Sent: 18 December 2009 16:55
To: Barrett Daliah
Subject: Turkish Cypriot Community Centre (628-630 Green Lanes, N8 OJD)

Dear Ms Barret,

I am writing to you with regards to the application for a license to provide entertainment from the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre (628-630 Green Lanes, N8 OJD). I believe that granting this license fully would cause a public nuisance and so the application should be refused or heavily reduced.

Since we bought our home, 4a Harringay Gardens, in November 2006 here there have been problems with noise coming from the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre. Our garden (only several meters long) backs onto the centre, and often they hold events where loud music and singing disturb us throughout the evening and well into the night. It is especially difficult because their events often spill out into their garden, as large groups of people gather to smoke and children play very noisily.

We have contacted the harringey council noise team on several occasions to inform them of the problem however there have been many more times when we have not complained as we thought we would try to be 'good neighbours'.

The news that they have applied for a permanent license is very concerning as it suggests that the frequency of these events will increase, indeed there is the potential for it them to occur every day.

When an event is being held we are unable to open our windows and back door or to enjoy time in our garden. This seems to be an unfair imposition on ourselves and the other residents whose properties are adjoin the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre. We have also had cigarette packets and other litter thrown into our garden and even stones thrown at our cats.

We would be happy for a compromise whereby the days, hours and / or frequency of their provision of entertainment is limited but we strongly oppose the granting of a permanent license.

With thanks for your consideration,
Lydia Cytlaou and Sam Knight

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Barrett Daliah

From: Ken Middleton [kmiddleton@cmgadvice.co.uk]
Sent: 18 December 2009 17:37
To: Barrett Daliah
Subject: CYPRUS KITCHEN LICENSING APPLICATION

Dear Daliah,

Please accept this e-mail as confirmation that I am apposed whole heartedly to the new licensing proposal for the Cyprus Kitchen on Green Lanes. I own the top flat at 4 Harringay Gardens and have experience of the noise pollution that the Cyprus Kitchen causes already when they have events.

My bedroom looks onto the back yard of the premises and with their doors open to let people spill out to smoke, shout and generally make noise would be a constant nuisance that will impact heavily on the standard of living for residence.

Kind regards,

Ken Middleton
Partner

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Dec 15th 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Turkish Cypriot Community Centre, 628-630 Green Lanes, London, N8 0JD

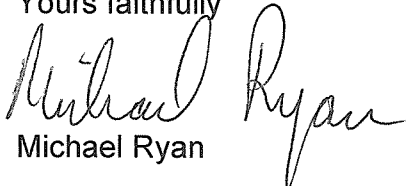
I am writing as a resident who lives close to the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre and who will be affected by this application. I am writing to declare my objection to the granting of this licence based on the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

My bedroom backs on to the back of the Community Centre and, at times, the noise is loud and disturbing. The Community Centre has held Barbeques in their back garden in the past and, at night, I have been unable to sleep because of the noise from people in the garden.

My work demands that I am in bed at night at 10.30 pm and I get up at 6.00 am each morning. If a license is granted to this community centre until 23.00 hours, I will be affected by this noise.

A license is not necessary for this community centre to operate effectively as has been proven in the past years.

Yours faithfully


Michael Ryan

CCc Cllr Adamou, Cllr Alexander & Cllr Baker

Barrett Daliah

From: Mehmet Adali [ma@ep4.biz]
Sent: 18 December 2009 10:35
To: Barrett Daliah
Subject: Re : Turkish Cypriot Community Centre, 628-630 Green Lanes, N8 OJD

Hello Daliah

I find myself writing to you again, this time with regard the licence applications for the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre, 628-630 Green Lanes, N8 OJD

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In view of the circumstances I suspect that there is little or no chance of stopping late night events going on in the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre but I would like to see every effort to seriously provide reachable help when there is breach of licencing laws and disturbance to our area. Ideally I would like to not have these sort of events on my doorstep because it really is very unpleasant. I really don't know what you can possibly do with this application that will make it viable for them to hold these events and still provide some a satisfactory solution for local residents. If it were possible to restrict their times further then that would be something.

I will be really upset and disappointed if these events go ahead and we get the noise and other nuisances in the street afterwards. I will be wanting to hold someone responsible for this if it happens so if it is possible I would appreciate it if it is possible to have the full details names and mobile numbers of the owners of the property, and of the events and of any environment health officers or any other department who can step in to deal with issues.

I have lived in this area for a long time and past history shows that whoever has run those premises as an events venue have given very little regard for local residents. The noise coming from the front and the back of the premises is unbearable particularly in the summer when it is desirable to have the windows open. On top of that there are always guys who must quite clearly be somewhat drunk talking loudly in the street and urinating in our private yard and against the trees and out building wall. It is truly disgusting and it was a huge relief for us when the centre closed many years ago. This relief was fairly sort lived as it became a crack house. However I digress....

Whilst I appreciate that not every single person attending events and organiser has faulted on there but I can assure you that the vast majority of them do. It is in the Turkish and Kurdish culture to have loud music at these events. I know because I am Turkish. If in doubt get yourself invited to one of their events so you can see but make sure that you are not there on inspection business. I am sure that the environmental health noise officers are quite familiar with a typical party from such premises.

We have a 3 bedrooms in our house facing the open space neighbouring the garden of the Turkish Centre.

In view of my previous experience of opposing late night licensing of establishments I am including the following which should fit the necessary format of reasoning for you to accept this letter as an objection.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

I consider that the late opening of an establishment which serves alcohol until late hours will be the cause of fighting. There is a great likelihood of damage to local property and drunken disorder in the street.

From past experience I am sure that we will have patrons of this establishment making noise in the street late at night and urinating against my property along Harringay Gardens and even in my front yard facing Green Lanes.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Whenever there has been a late night club of some description along this part of Green Lanes, we have always observed a great deal of Police activity - attending incidents such as brawls. Invariably I end up having my driveway blocked by patrons of such places. I would certainly consider that I put myself at risk to ask someone to move their car. You would think that people can be observant, civil and respectful but clearly from my experience there is always a certain proportion of people who could not care less and are prepared to be abusive. I have had first hand experience of this on more than one occasion.

Noise from the Centre is of great concern to everyone. When the premises has been used for events, invariably the whole stretch of neighbours adjacent to the centre and along Harringay Gardens do not get enough peace to be able to sleep in their own homes. I have known local residents to arrange their social life around to go and visit friends in order to avoid the disturbances that we have experienced.

The Protection of Children from harm

My child is too young to be out there late but they go out in the day and no doubt we will have to check every morning to see if someone has left their bottles of beer on the windowsill or smashed them on the street. It is really horrible to have broken glass on your doorstep on a regular basis. I consider this a threat to the well being of my child.

regards

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Subject: RE:
Date: Tue, 15 Dec 2009 13:01:10 +0000
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To: eleni63@hotmail.co.uk

Dear Eleni Doncheff,

Please note that we are unable to accept representations without an accompanying address. Should you wish for your representation to be valid then you will need to supply me with your address.

Regards,

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From: eleni doncheff [mailto:eleni63@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 14 December 2009 21:56
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Subject:

Dear Ms Barrett

I am replying to the letter sent to our flats, regarding an application made by the Turkish Cypriot Community Centre for a new premises license at 628-630 Green Lanes, London N8 0JD. My response to this is that I am totally against this application and utterly appalled that this is actually being considered. This is an area which already experiences problems and is unsafe. I am a resident that lives directly opposite these premises and I have been subjected to high volume of noise, shouting and raised voices which transgress to aggressive arguments. I have had to call police and I also called the owner of these premises who was extremely hostile and would do nothing about the excessive noises erupting outside his premises. Needless to say I have been unable to sleep and my daughter has been woken up by the noise. I feel if you allow this license to proceed you would be giving ammunition for things to escalate out of control. There will be alcohol consumption and that would lead to arguments and worse. I have experienced these when this premises have had events and with noise already from the busy Green Lanes there is a high risk of further problems. There are families in this area that you need to consider, those with children, people who work and those who may have medical conditions that require peace and quiet.

Therefore, I would seriously ask you NOT to allow this license to pass. It is detrimental to the safety and well being of this community. Please don't let us have more problems which will occur if you allow this to pass.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to air our views about this. I am not sure how much you know about this Turkish Cypriot community place and the Green Lanes area but it has a bad reputation and will attract the wrong type of people and there will be police involved.

Yours sincerely

15/12/2009

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