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From: The Highgate Society,
10a South Grove,
Highgate N6 6BS

We have been notified by local residents of the above application. We understand that they are submitting objections, the detail of which we are not aware, and these should be taken into account.

The Highgate Society, as the Amenity Society for the Highgate area with some 1,400 local residents as members, has considered the application. We have no reason to believe that the current operation is not run well and responsibly, and have no objection in principle, but we would make the following comments which we trust will be taken into account:

- To avoid the escalation of events to a level which might potentially create a nuisance, we suggest that the license be specifically limited, and ancillary, to the type of events mentioned in the application already held there – exhibitions, book launches, poetry readings, and local meetings - and that private parties, where a primary object is the consumption of alcohol and loud music, should be specifically excluded;
- In order to prevent undue disturbance to nearby residents at weekends, we suggest that all events should be subject to a limit of 11 p.m. This should be adequate for the events specified.
- In the interests of "prevention of public nuisance", we suggest that the playing of Music be limited to the interior of the premises only, and that an appropriate decibel limit be specified so that any breaches can be monitored by Haringey;
- It must be specified that visitors to such events must not be permitted to park in the Wood;
- When itemising the type of events envisaged, the application states that such events will be held "only occasionally". This is insufficiently precise, and in order to prevent neighbour or other disputes, we suggest that an appropriate limit, based on your experience of such applications, be placed on the number of events per year at which alcohol may be served or music played.
- Given that the all-day opening times of the café are specified in the application, yet the application is to cover "only occasional" events after 1800 hrs, it is insufficiently clear whether the application is to serve alcohol and play music only at occasional events of the nature stated, or whether the wish is to serve beer and wine with food during the course of the normal day. This should be clarified.

While writing, I would take the opportunity to raise the issue that, although the Highgate Society is the amenity group for some 1,400 local residents, in which capacity it either represents or assists them on planning applications, we are not sent details of any Licensing applications by Haringey, despite the fact that these are of material concern to our members, and particularly those living near the application locations. It has, we understand, been established nationally that amenity societies, by their nature, qualify as interested parties to be consulted on licensing applications.

We would therefore in future be grateful to receive details of Licensing applications in the N6 postal area; these may be sent electronically to the above address.

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I very strongly object to the application for Queens' Wood Lodge Cafe to be granted a license for alcohol, music and late night entertainment on the following grounds:

Public disorder:

I object to potentially large numbers of people congregating late at night with alcohol and (and inevitably drugs) in close proximity to our homes on Muswell Hill Road. I personally have experienced two late night "incursions" into my back garden and attempts to enter my house. We have also had to deal with "rough campers" a few feet from the bottom of our gardens. Such nuisances as these would certainly increase with the availability of alcohol in our vicinity.

Public nuisance:

In addition, most of the bedrooms on Muswell Hill Road back directly onto the wood. We hear the (very) occasional musical events quiet clearly. Loud music being played late into the night every night would be unbearable.

Health and safety:

The wood is unlit and unpatrolled. Many of the paths are steep and very rough. The availability of alcohol late at night would surely lead to health and safety problems.

Queen's Wood is a designated Statutory Local Nature Reserve. Loud music, alcohol, and late night gatherings are certainly counter indicated in such a designated area.

And additionally::

The the notice to seek such a license was clearly invalid. The only notice was posted on the "notice Board" at the very rear of the veranda surrounding the cafe among many other other notices and was in illegally small font size (12). Even patrons using the cafe could not read the notice without closely approaching the notice board. In no way could it be seen from the area surrounding the cafe itself. (The cafe is set back from the path in front of the cafe and there were no notices in any way in the vicinity of the Cafe. *no*)

I most strongly object to this application.

Olson P

From:

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I have just read, with alarm, the details of the proposals for the café in Queen's Wood. This is completely at odds with everything the lodge has stood for and everything that is the very nature of the woods. I do not need to list my anxieties as I know they have already been stated clearly by others. We back onto the woods at the top of Connaught Gardens (no.3) – I endorse and enjoy limited use by the Pagan drummers provided they are out by dusk, and understand tolerance but this is quite ridiculous. We find ourselves phoning the police on occasion in the summer months when there are revellers in the woods after midnight – the entrance is next to our next door neighbour and not gated and those involved are clearly driven by alcohol. These woods are not gated. Others would be attracted into the woods who were not involved in the party at the café, and word would get round. The woods is currently a well kept secret from many.]

This is so incredibly sad – we and others will do all in our power to put a stop to this ridiculous notion.

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5 April 2010

Dear Sir

I object very strongly to any plans to significantly extend the activities at the cafe in Queens Wood, especially if they involve music and late-night entertainment.

This is for several reasons.

First, Queens Wood is a designated nature reserve, a fact of which the Borough of Haringey is justly proud. In particular, it is very rich in bird life; for London it has a remarkable avian diversity. At present the woods are quiet at night, and this provides a peaceful haven for several species of owls as well as roosting and nesting for all three native woodpeckers (including the increasingly rare lesser spotted), blackcaps in season, several species of tits, jays, nuthatches, and tree creepers. Increased noise and lighting at night would pose a serious threat to this wonderful variety of birdlife. Queens Wood is also blessed with many bats, who also find the relative peace and darkness beneficial. For further details of the value of the nature reserve I would refer you to Haringey's own publications on the matter.

Second, there would be much disturbance and nuisance to the many residents whose dwellings back onto Queens Wood – with no benefit to locals at all.

Third, there is the important matter of public safety in the wood: the paths are very uneven, broken, and unlit, and after dark are quite dangerous to negotiate. This also raises a question of responsibility: if a late-night reveller were to break an ankle in Queens Wood they would have a case for compensation against the Council as land-owner and provider of footways.

Fourth, increased events activities at the cafe would attract significant traffic. Muswell Hill Road has a bad safety record, and parking for residents is severely inadequate even now. Where would the events customers park? In Queens Wood nature reserve itself? On the double yellow lines?

Yours faithfully

music licence for late night entertainment

Dear Ms. Barrett,

I was surprised to learn that a consultation has been under way with respect to the Queen's Wood Cafe's application to extend its licence to cover alcohol, music and late night entertainment. It appears that residents of Onslow Gardens were not part of the consultation process despite the fact that the change to the Cafe's current licence would adversely affect those of us in these street, particularly if we live on the woodland side of the road. The houses bordering the wood are in close proximity to the Cafe concerned and noise travels directly through the woods to our houses, as we know from some of the events that are staged over the summer months.

The permitting of alcohol, parties and late night dancing, would destroy the peaceful character of the nature reserve as well as that of the neighbourhood. Despite the promises of the proprietor to keep noise within reasonable limits, there is a clear risk that this would be the thin end of the wedge, and no guarantee of any peace of mind, either in the medium to long term.

To these objections can be added others: at a time when public debate is increasingly aware of the problems of disorder caused by alcohol, do we want the woodland to be turned into a place where alcohol is sold with potential for crime and drug dealing in the unlit and unpoliced woods? On health and safety grounds alone the woods are not a safe place to go after dark.

Along with many others, I am therefore strongly opposed to the application for an extension of the Woodland Cafe's licence on the overarching grounds that it would constitute a major public nuisance. I urge Haringey Council to act in the public interest and refuse it.

Noise is one of the most oppressive aspects of contemporary modernity, a symptom of a society that has come to lack consideration for others, and to devalue the virtues of peace and quiet. There are few enough refuges from the cacaphone of sounds imposed by others, and our woodlands are among them, enjoyed by thousands of visitors and residents. They need to be protected.

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Dear Ms Barrett

Queen's Wood Lodge
42 Muswell Hill Road

I realise that the consultation period has apparently just expired for commenting on the application for a late night alcohol and music licence at this address, but this has only just come to my attention because of the **invalid advertisement**.

As you should be aware, in view of the obscure siting of the applicant's notice (see attached photos), it is quite clearly invalid. I and many of my neighbours pass the cafe daily and were not aware of the notice, which was not placed prominently on the premises where it could be conveniently read from the exterior of the premises. The only notice was one dated 22 February posted inside the café at the rear of the veranda, which was lost amongst the many other notices. It is also not possible to easily get access to the notice board because of patrons and often their dogs sitting in front of it. Out of hours access to the veranda is blocked by a board indicating that the cafe is closed.

Also the font size of the notice is only 12 and should be at least 16. Even patrons inside the café didn't see it. The café is set back both from the public footpath and Muswell Hill Road, and there were no notices on these thoroughfares, either on the railings or trees, which are used by dozens of people daily and who also therefore would not have been aware of the application.

This application should therefore be refused on these grounds as well as for the following reasons:

Statutory Local Nature Reserve - the application should be considered within the context of Queen's Wood as a Statutory Local Nature Reserve. Music, alcohol and all that goes with it is not consistent with the aims of nature conservation, and the associated noise would contravene the bye-laws of Queen's Wood.

Terms of Queen's Wood Lodge lease - it is totally inappropriate for the warden of the Lodge to be making this application.

Public disorder - there is very little internal space on these premises, so potentially large numbers of people would congregate on the relatively small space outside, with alcoholic drinks, spilling over into the public open space of Queen's Wood. There is no lighting in the Wood, leading to opportunities for crime, drug-dealing etc. ✓

Public nuisance - Queen's Wood is a designated Local Nature Reserve, used by many people for recreation, as a place of peace and quiet, and an escape from the noise associated with urban living. Music and noise emanating from the cafe would constitute a public noise nuisance to users of the Wood, as well as to local residents. The Wood is bordered by many houses (Muswell Hill Road, Onslow Gardens, Connaught Gardens, Wood Vale). Sound carries very clearly across the Wood, especially at night, and with live and recorded music going on both inside and outside the building beyond midnight, in some cases, clearly local residents would be seriously disturbed. ✓

Health and safety - the Wood is unregulated, unlit, paths are rough and some are very steep. It is not a safe place to be after dark.

We are very concerned about this proposal, which we believe could seriously affect the unique character of Queen's Wood and the Lodge itself.

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Olson I

From:

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id music licence for late night entertainment

Dear Ms Barrett,

I am writing to register my opposition to the licence that would permit late night entertainment in Queens Wood.

I note that there was no consultation of people living in this area and likely to be affected by this proposal if it is approved.

I understand that the only notice was one dated 22 February put inside the café on the back of the veranda, which was lost amongst the many other notices. It is not possible to easily get close to the notice board because of the patrons and often their dogs sitting in front of it. Out of hours there is a board indicating the cafe is closed blocking access to the veranda. The café is set back both from the path and the road and there were no notices on these thoroughfares, either on the railings or trees, which are used by dozens of people daily and who also therefore would not have been aware of the application.

The application itself raises serious concerns over:

- health and safety - the wood is unregulated, very poorly lit, paths are rough and some are very steep
- public disorder - with potentially large numbers of people congregating in a relatively small space in front of the cafe, with alcoholic drinks and potentially drugs, the police I am sure would have major concerns
- public nuisance - with live and recorded music going on both inside and outside the building beyond midnight, in some cases. Sound carries very clearly across the woods at night and will certainly be heard in my road.

I was informed that Haringey Council has designated Queen's Wood as a Statutory Local Nature Reserve because of its interesting flora and fauna. Having loud music and late night parties would seem to contradict with this policy.

For all these reasons I wish to state my firm opposition to this proposal which I believe could seriously affect the unique character of the lodge and Queen's Wood itself.

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Olson Kendra

From: Barrett Daliah
Sent: 29 March 2010 11:14
To: Olson Kendra
Subject: FW: Application for alcohol and music licence for late night entertainment - Queen's Wood Cafe
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From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted]
To: Ba [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] te night entertainment - Queen's Wood Cafe

I object to this licence on grounds that loud music and late night parties are inappropriate for the nature of the lodge and the Wood, and on grounds of potential noise nuisance to surrounding streets.

I am also concerned that the application notice has been effectively hidden.

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Ms Daliah Barrett,
Head of Licencing,
Haringey Council.

We have just become aware that the Queens Wood Cafe has applied for an alcohol and late music licence. We must register our serious concern at this application. We are worried that large numbers of people drinking and playing loud music at night would cause a serious disturbance of our peace. We live here because it is a quiet and peaceful neighbourhood surrounded by the woods. If we had wished to live where "the action" is we would have chosen to live among the shops and restaurants. The prospect of thumping music and loud voices even in the day is awful; at night it would be intollerable.

Ther appears to have been no consultation of local residents and whatever notices have been placed are small and obscure.

We look forward to your assurance that this insane scheme will be rejected forthwith.

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Dear Dahlia,

I am concerned about the request for an alcohol licence for the QW cafe.

I believe this is likely to pose a threat to the safety of those walking past the woods in the dark.

It seems an inappropriate place for alcohol to be served and I wish to object to the proposal.

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Dear Ms. Barrett

I object to the pending application from Queen's Wood Cafe for alcohol and music licence.

Following my discussions with other residents in the neighbourhood, the following shared concerns have emerged:

- public disorder - with potentially large numbers of people congregating in a relatively small space in front of the cafe, with alcoholic drinks and potentially drugs, the police I am sure would have major concerns
- public nuisance - with live and recorded music going on both inside and outside the building beyond midnight, in some cases. Sound carries very clearly across the woods at night, which is bordered by many houses. Musical events in Highgate Woods can be heard by residents in Muswell Hill Road, Connaught Gardens, Onslow Gardens and Wood Vale, this would be far worse.

Kind regards

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Olson Kendra

From: Barrett Daliah
Sent: 23 March 2010 18:13
To: Olson Kendra
Subject: FW: Queen's Wood cafe

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Dear Ms Barrett

We have just learned that the Queen's Wood cafe is seeking a licence and music licence for late-night entertainment. This raises serious concerns over

- health and safety - the wood is unregulated, very poorly lit, paths are rough and some are very steep
- public disorder - with potentially large numbers of people congregating in a relatively small space in front of the cafe, with alcoholic drinks
- public nuisance - with live and recorded music going on both inside and outside the building beyond midnight, in some cases. Sound carries very clearly across the wood, which is bordered by a row of large houses. Haringey Council has designated Queen's Wood as a Statutory Local Nature Reserve because of its interesting flora and fauna. Having loud music and parties would seem to contradict this worthy aim.

Several elements of the application are extremely vague, for instance the use of "occasionally", the hours of business and the possibility of a tent, which suggests there could be loud music outside going on into the early hours. There was no prior notice or consultation of people living close by and likely to be affected by this proposal if it is approved. The only notice was a tiny note stuck on the door of the cafe, and a report by a journalist in the Muswell Hill Journal only two days ago.

We are very concerned about this proposal, which we believe could seriously affect the unique character of Queen's Wood.

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From:

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To: Ms Barrett

Subject: Objection to application for p.

Dear Ms Barrett,

I am writing to object to the application by Mr Harry Murray Shelmerdine for a premises licence for Queen's Wood Café, Muswell Hill Road.

As you know, Mr Shelmerdine is proposing to provide music and to supply alcohol up to 1am in this quiet residential area.

I believe that the provision of alcohol is likely to increase the risk of crime and disorder in an area where we have only recently been warned by the police of a spate of burglaries. Public safety is likely to be endangered by those leaving the premises drunk in the early hours of the morning and these same people are highly likely to create a public nuisance. Indeed, the music itself is likely to create a public nuisance as it will carry a considerable distance, disturbing both local residents and the wildlife in Queen's Wood and Highgate Wood.

The measures proposed by the applicant to promote the four licensing objectives are clearly inadequate.

Yours sincerely,

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Olson Kerney

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 Mar 2010
To: [Redacted] k
Subject: OPPOSE - Queen's wood cafe application
Attachments: planning oppose.doc



To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a letter of opposition to the 'application for a premises licence' by Queens Wood Cafe.

I would be grateful if you would not display my email details on your website (although I am happy for my letter to be published)

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I would like to oppose the 'Application for a premises licence' at Queen's Wood Café, Muswell Hill Road, N10 3JR. Muswell Hill Road is a residential area with very few commercial premises. Queen's Wood Café have previously hosted events with loud outdoor music and these have already impacted upon the residents of this area in terms of noise and disruption. If this application were approved, this would further impact upon Muswell Hill Road residents on a regular basis.

Queen's Wood Café is set back from the road and is poorly lit. The café is at the entrance to the wood and the introduction of a late night licensed premises would encourage people into the wood after dark. Homes and gardens back onto these woods and, we believe, that this would significantly increase the risk to the property and belongings of residents on Muswell Hill Road. It would also increase the risk of trespassing, loud noise, anti social and nuisance behaviour. This, coupled with the fact that it's location means it could not be easily monitored from the road by local police, make it a potential venue for crime and disorder.

To introduce late night drinking, live music both inside and outside the café would have a significant impact upon the neighbours. The immediate neighbours have young children and any music outside would hamper their ability to sleep before 11pm - 1 am; we believe that this is unreasonable. Also, presumably live music outside is most likely to occur during the summer months when residents are likely to have their windows open. This level of noise pollution is unreasonable in an area that is exclusively made up of residential properties and people enjoying the local nature reserve.

Queens Wood has been designated a nature reserve by Haringey council. In fact, when the lease was given to the gatekeepers cottage (its previous name), it was specifically for the purpose of promoting a more environment and ecological way of life. To allow this to become a late night drinking, music and dancing venue appears to be almost perverse; it calls into question Haringey's commitment to providing its residents with areas of peace and natural beauty.

We vehemently oppose this application due to the disruption caused to local residents, the impact upon the nature reserve and the potential for an increase in crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.

Olson Kendra

From: Barrett Daliah
Sent: 23 March 2010 11:26
To: Olson Kendra
Subject: FW: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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Dear Daliah

Please can I write to express my objection to the planning application of Harry Murray Shelmerdine on behalf of the Queens Wood Cafe at the above address.

Mr Shelmerdine has applied to sell alcohol on the premises late at night 4 nights a week and into the early hours of the morning 3 further nights a week.

We are occasionally bothered enormously by functions taking place at the cafe. This is despite the fact that the cafe is not used very much for private functions. When it is used, however, we are really exposed to noise pollution and partying taking place in the woods behind our house. The idea of the cafe being used as a regular night venue or club would seriously cause a disturbance to the vicinity and damage the peaceful nature of our garden backing onto the woods. Large numbers of people gathering in the woods at night cannot be good for the wildlife/habitat either.

Mr Shelmerdine has also applied for the option of dancing to be allowed outside the building. This would exacerbate the situation further.

The contribution of the woods to the whole community as a peaceful oasis for families, dog walkers and nature lovers would be compromised if there was a pub like venue near to the main entrance to the woods.

Please do not allow Mr Shelmerdine a license to open and sell alcohol at the times he has requested.

Many thanks

23/03/2010

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Prevention of Public Nuisance The application for an entertainment licence is frankly tantamount to an application to become a public nuisance. Live and/or recorded music being played until 1:00 a.m. will certainly be detrimental to those who live nearby. We speak from experience as we have lived here for 16 years and have experienced the "raves" that occasionally happened in the location of the lodge. Even last summer there was occasional music coming from the woods/lodge in the evening and into the night. These events were not regular but they were a nuisance. Music played outdoors does travel far, especially the base line. Indeed, our neighbours, whose house is adjacent to the woods, used to host parties until 4:00 a.m. in the morning. Their music was loud and the base line really does carry!!

Queens Woods are meant to be a facility open to the public who would naturally choose to walk through them to enjoy the nature. They have to endure someone else's party and music in what is meant to be a public place. It is quite an imposition and infringement on the general public.

There are far too view places to enjoy nature in a city and Queens Woods is one of our rare spaces to retreat from noise pollution. Queens Woods is meant to be a local Nature Reserve. Surely there is little protection for this reserve if entertainment and essentially private parties are going to be allowed.

Furthermore, if gatherings are not going to be limited in number, and even they were; there will no doubt be an increased risk of various types of litter, plastic cups, cigarette butts, bottles and broken bottles.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Similarly there will be concerns regarding crime and disorder. We are all too aware of what can and does occur outside of pubs during the summer months when customers spill out on to the streets. Alcohol fuels tempers and behaviour can and does become rowdy; shouting, arguing, fighting etc.

If the premises are rented out to individuals for their special event they may not be

concerned about the long term implications of their actions, including damage to the trees and the environment. Reckless behaviour and vandalism is the likely outcome.

The social gathering of a late party in these woods will not be unlike the 'rave' parties that still occur (illegally) and keep the neighbourhood worried and awake until the early morning hours.

Protection of children from harm

Children, who may walk their dogs or play in the woods are obviously going to become vulnerable to potentially difficult individual and group situations.

The potential for public sexual acts in the woods by young people following alcoholic stupor is likely. This may continue into the early morning hours when young children and adults use the woods for walks and morning exercise.

Public Safety

The public's safety will be jeopardised by the obvious potential for harm. The woods are not meant to be a place for a public gathering; especially at night.

As is, the woods are not closed off to the public at night and the public can and does use the woodland paths even at night. The public use of these paths will be jeopardised (i.e. muggings and rapes) during those nights when drunken behaviour is in evidence following late party bookings. This behaviour is more likely, hidden by the dark of the woods.

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From: Barrett Daliah
Sent: 23 March 2010 12:21
To: Olson Kendra
Subject: FW: Queen's Wood Lodge

From:
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To: Barrett Daliah
Subject: Queen's Wood Lodge

Having just seen the application for an alcohol and live music license made by the proprietor of Queens Wood Lodge, I want to express my strong objections. Firstly, that no direct notification was made to near neighbours like myself, who will undoubtedly be effected by this, and secondly to the scheme itself.

I object on a number of points:

1-Disturbance of the peace,

It is, in my view, unwise in the extreme to allow for what will amount to the establishment of a pub within Queens Wood. The wood is unfenced, and unmanaged. Since I have lived in the area, there has not been a single summer where we did not already have drunken revellers kicking off in the middle of the night, squatters building rubbish tips in the woods, intoxicated strangers climbing our garden fence and pounding on our back doors, rape and other sex-related harassment, several burnt out cars and motor bikes, and at least one dumped dead body. Selling drink into the early hours of the morning will sharply raise the likelihood of more such incidents. There are more than enough pubs and licensed restaurants in the area, without tempting people to have a few too many and wander down the unlit paths into the wood for mischief. This is in my opinion an extremely foolish and ill thought out idea.

2-Environmental impact,

Queens Wood is a designated Nature Reserve. I would assume that one aspect of this is the intention to create a safe haven for wild life. I see no harmony whatsoever between this ethic and the establishment of a live music and drinking establishment. My recollection of the original establishment of the cafe was that it would become a small vegetarian cafe and training centre for renewable and ecologically friendly gardening techniques. That was, I believe, the bases upon which the original restoration permits were granted.

3- Noise pollution,

Although we live several meters from the cafe, at 56 Muswell Hill Road, we have already noticed the sounds of occasional amplified music drifting through the wood. I would assume that for those living nearer, this is likely to have a much greater impact. Again, I would emphasise that the local community is well served with drinking and music venues, and that there is therefore no demand for any more that would justify allowing for such a potentially major impact on a peaceful nature reserve.

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Olson Kendra

From:
Sent:
To: [redacted]
Subject: Licence application re Harry . [redacted] of Queens Wood Lodge N10 3JP

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Dear Sirs,

We would like to object to the Licence application re the above on the grounds of public safety, particularly at night times as there are no wardens patrolling the wood, or CCTV. We are also worried about the potential noise disturbances from both amplified music and drunk people when leaving the cafe.

Yours faithfully,

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Olson

From:
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Subject: RE: Application for a new Premises Licence: Queens Wood Lodge

Thank you for your prompt response. I am happy to ignore the wildlife issue. My objection to this application is essentially two-fold - the noise that would continue until the early hours and the opportunity this gives for criminal activity in this otherwise quiet and well-behaved part of the borough.

I should be grateful if my address were also not shared with others.

Thank you

To: Kendra.Olson@haringey.gov.uk
CC: Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2010 11:55:45 +0100
Subject: Application for a new Premises Licence: Queens Wood Lodge

Please find attached a letter regarding the application for a new Premises Licence for Queens Wood Lodge.

Regards,

Kendra Olson
Licensing Administrator
Haringey Council
Tel: 020 8489 5544
E-mail: kendra.olson@haringey.gov.uk

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Dear Ms Barrett,

May I make some comments on the application for an alcohol and music licence for late entertainment at the cafe in Queen's Wood?

I understand from a neighbour who spoke to you that it is not too late to do so. We did not receive a notice of the application, which would have been helpful since our house backs on to Queen's Wood.

I am aware of the possible grounds for objection to the application, but may I suggest that they need to be regarded in the light of the fact that Queen's Wood is an ancient wood and a local nature reserve? The application does not sit at all well with relevant principles of conservation.

In particular, what would be a lesser nuisance elsewhere, say in an ordinary public park, can be a greater nuisance in precisely a place whose purposes are to enable people to enjoy the relative solitude and peace of such an ideal setting. Music at any time is inconsistent with this, and surely gravely so in the evening. So is alcohol and what goes with it.

There are related considerations with respect to birds and other creatures in the wood. I take it that the designation of the wood as a local nature reserve was serious in its intent. It is difficult to see that what is proposed for the cafe is in accord with this designation. It really needs to be kept in mind, as perhaps the Council will agree, that Queen's Wood is not just another public space.

If I may add a personal note, my wife Ingrid and I moved to our present house two years ago mainly because of its proximity to the wood.

Finally, there is an ordinary objection not having to do with the character of the wood, but of nuisance and so on to those of us who do live in the houses that back on the wood. The prospect is not that of a pub, of course, but it is of something akin to a pub. That is not at all a reassuring.

The application's mention of a tent, which would increase noise and carry the possibility of other uses, and the applications lack of definiteness in several respects are further causes of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

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From:

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Dear Daliah Barrett,

I am writing concerning the application for an alcohol and entertainment licence for the cafe located within Queen's Wood (Queen's Wood Lodge, 42 Muswell Hill Road). As a nearby resident, I think this would be wrong for several reasons. This is an open woodland of heavy trees and undergrowth, with no lighting at night. Having a drinking establishment within it can only lead to trouble as someone will inevitably wander off and get lost. Or worse, intentionally go off into the woods in search of trouble. Many volunteers work very hard to keep this woodland clean, preserved, and a healthy place for wildlife. I can see no good for either the woodland or the surrounding neighbors by allowing late night drinking here. I believe that the prospect of outdoor live music is also a mistake. Again, this is a quiet woodland, with houses backing onto it. Having music ringing through it at all hours is completely anathema to the purpose of a nature preserve, and will shatter the peaceful atmosphere that we all cherish. This is simply the wrong place for this sort of a venue.

Regards,

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Dear Daliah,
 I was extremely disturbed that even though I live adjacent to Queens Wood I had no idea that this application was being considered by the council and I would like to know as a Haringey resident what consultation procedure has taken place?

Queens wood is very much a local wood and highly prized by long term Muswell Hill residents some of whom have used the wood and now see their own children and grandchildren doing the same.

My husband and I feel there is definitely a conflict of interest in that the applicant is the caretaker of the wood! I seem to remember that there was a previous attempt to buy this property and am wondering what exactly is going on. We have plenty of venues in Muswell hill offering this kind of service and I feel very strongly as this wood is a statutory local nature reserve the caretaker should be just that , a carer of the wood for future generations.

I also believe that having a venue that would attract drugs and alcohol and all the problems that come with it (as happens in muswell hill around the roundabout) transferred to an area which is more deserted and less overlooked, is an irresponsible act .

I am copying this letter to lynne Featherstone as a concerned resident.

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22nd March 2010

Dear Daliah Barrett,

I am writing with regards to an application I was shown by a neighbour. I am very concerned about this application, as the number of evening events held at the cafe already causes disturbance with both the music which can be heard in neighbouring properties, the noise caused by the people at these events, as well as the echoing of them as they leave events through the woods behind the houses on Muswell Hill Road, all of which has woken our family.

Should the property turn from its "occasional events such as 'Friends of the Earth' meetings" to a fully licensed venue selling alcohol this would have a huge impact on the nature of the venue and the kind of clientele that might use it. (They are applying to be able to be open later than any of the established public house in the area). The proposal to transform this occasional nuisance of noise to a daily event would completely transform our life. Having such events till such late hours we feel is completely unacceptable and not in keeping with the residential area.

This proposal would allow an organic "family friendly" cafe to become more of a public nuisance than a night club - I know of no venues that allow live music and dancing outside in a residential area. I would question the motives any applicant that would try to make such a transformation of the use of a venue without any serious and meaningful consultation with its neighbours.

The late night activity would disturb the local ecology, for which the venue was given a grant when it was initially set up, there are bats and foxes living close to the venue, which would obviously be disturbed at night when they are most active.

As the property which would be most disturbed by any change in the use of the venue especially late night activities this would disrupt our family life and make it unbearable. We have two children under two years old.

Please let us know if you need any more information on this matter. We hope that you take our points very seriously. We are concerned that we never heard from the council directly with regards to this matter and that not all our neighbours will understand what is going on and the potential nuisance that could be created. Please could you send a letter with copy of this application to all local properties.

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Name of Licensee HARRY MURRAY SHELMERDINE
Name of Premises (if applicable) Queens Wood Lodge
Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect) 42 Muswell Hill Road, London,
Postcode N10 3JP

General Comments
It is difficult to assess what the applicant in fact intends. For example, in Section E, Live Music, the applicant gives the hours for standard days and timings (18.00 – 23.00, Monday to Thursday. And 18.00 to 0100 Friday to Sunday). But then he goes on to say that, in addition to these standard times, 'Occasionally there are evening activities such as poetry readings where music may also be played'. Did the applicant in fact write his text in the incorrect, non-standard timings box? Should that comment have gone in the 'Please give further details' box? Did he in fact mean to say that

live music would only ever be played infrequently? And if so, how infrequently? And would the music be amplified? If so, what amplification power will be used? These points need to be clarified in the application.

In Section F, Recorded Music, he again says, in relation to the non-standard timings, that 'this is only occasionally required'. But did he mean to include that in the 'Please give further details' box? Or did he really intend to say that he wanted in addition to be able to play recorded music before 18.00, but only occasionally? His intentions are not clear.

In sections I and J, where a description of the facilities for making music and for dancing are required, the box is left blank. What facilities are intended?

In Section M, Supply of Alcohol, the applicant states in the 'seasonal variations' box that the sale of alcohol after 1800 will happen occasionally when events are booked. It's not clear why there is a seasonal variation; but in any event, what are these events, and how infrequent are they?

In Section O, standard hours the premises are open to the public, the applicant gives these as 10.00 to 23.00 Monday to Thursday and then 10.00 to 0100 Friday to Sunday. These are not the current hours at all. The current hours are 10.00 to 17.00 Monday to Thursday and then 10.00 to 18.00 Friday to Sunday. Perhaps the applicant has listed the hours he would open if his application were to be granted? Or does the applicant intend to keep the current hours for the public, but want in addition to be able to open later, with alcohol being served and live music, but only for occasional, infrequent pre-booked events?

One final general point: The café the applicant has set up and run has been a terrific local asset. It is as far a magnet for crime as one might imagine. But it's not possible to judge the applicant solely on his past deeds and good intentions, but instead the detail of his application and the consequences that might reasonably arise from the literal wording of what he is proposing. Of course, there is also the possibility that the applicant might leave: a new owner might not share his sensibilities.

So we are left with having to look at the literal wording of the application: although we find the application form to be somewhat vague, incomplete and inconsistent, and should not be granted for those reasons alone, we have the following observations on the proposals that are explicitly included.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Queens Wood Lodge is very unusually situated. It is located inside Queens Woods and can only be reached by walking along the main access path into the woods. Queens Woods is about 21 hectares of ancient woodland; it is densely wooded in many parts, and dark at night.

The Licence application, as currently worded, in effect amounts to putting a pub or a night club in these woods.

But most pubs and night clubs are situated on well-used roads. CCTV may be present. Potential and actual disturbances can be seen by passers-by and police can be called to control these disturbances. None of this would be possible if a disturbance were to break out in the woods outside the Queens Wood Lodge. The woods could become, to those fueled by alcohol, an ideal place to mug and to assault. To those who have consumed too much, it could

be a place of particular vulnerability.

The application, if granted, would allow the possibility of very loud, amplified live music, played outdoors from 6pm until 11pm on weekdays and 1am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is easy to imagine people bringing their own alcohol to sit amongst the trees and listen to a free gig; the nature of the music will determine in large part the nature of the crowd. And some audiences will drink heavily; nothing especially wrong in that, except that the Council has to cognizant of the practical need to be able to deter alcohol-related crime and enable the police to do their job.

That is hard enough even in a well-lit, regularly patrolled, CCTV monitored high street. But it is next to impossible in unlit, unpatrolled, dense woodland.

Public Safety

Many local people walk through Queens Woods in the evening, especially in the Summer. If there was in effect a pub or night club in the woods, with nightly amplified music and people consuming alcohol (especially alcohol they had brought along themselves), then that would completely alter the character of the woods; the impression that many people would have would be that the woods were less safe. That would be a great pity for an important local amenity.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Queens Woods is a Statutory Local Nature Reserve. Statutory Local Nature Reserves were set up following the recommendations of the Wild Life Conservation Special Committee (*Conservation of Nature in England and Wales*, Command 7122, 1947): their purpose is to enable ordinary people to *derive great pleasure from the peaceful contemplation of nature*.

Queens Woods attracts many local people who enjoy its beauty, peace and tranquility. Loud, amplified music being played outside until 1am on three nights a week, attracting potentially large crowds, as now proposed by the applicant, is about as far removed from the aims and ideals of a Statutory Local Nature Reserve as one can imagine.

And music, especially amplified music, travels a very great distance through woodland: it will potentially be heard across the entire woods, disturbing not only all the people and wildlife in the woods, but also the many residents in the houses and flats that adjoin Queens Woods. We live in one such property.

Highgate Woods, on the other side of Muswell Hill Road, has in the past had live, outdoor jazz for one night of the week for a number of weeks of months over the Summer (weather permitting). That music lasts typically from about 6pm to about 8pm. The applicant's proposal, as currently drafted, goes much further and constitutes a genuine nuisance.

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HINOPARK, ASHLEY ROAD, N17 9LN

Dear Sirs,

I strongly oppose the licence for live and recorded music and dancing in the lodge at Queens Wood.

There is a night club at Muswell Hill and in the past there have been a number of incidents including a shooting.

I moved here from Islington 2 years ago and

find Muswell Hill a very peaceful place. I think it will be outrageous if these proposals go ahead and spoil what is at the moment a very pleasant place to live.
Yours faithfully,
John

I think it's disgusting that the person who has applied for a licence for that usage. What about if he lives in the neighbourhood, see if he likes it?

I have been living here for the past 26 years and just loves the peace and tranquility, and it will be a public nuisance. Therefore I strongly object to this proposal.

Yours faithfully