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Dear Daliah Barrett,

We were in touch about the licensing application you are considering for the old keeper's lodge in Queen's Wood.

Attached to this email is a copy of a letter of undertakings by the applicant in which he alters his proposal to make it less intolerable. It was sent to various people.

Presumably if his existing application to you is approved, and he then does not act on his undertakings to neighbours et al, the Council will not be in a position to hold him to his undertakings.

Could you please be in touch as to whether you will be requiring a new application from him?

We will then make comments on the new application.

All good wishes.

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Dear Ms Barrett

Please see below my email to the applicant and his response.

1) I am very concerned that he does not appear to be withdrawing his current application and making a new one incorporating his proposed amendments. Could you confirm that if a licence is issued it will be for the hours up to 11 pm Sunday to Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday? What we don't want is a licence for the original hours requested (up to 1.00 am Friday to Sunday) with just the applicant's promise that activities will cease at midnight Friday to Saturday and 11 pm on Sundays.

2) In his open letter to neighbours the applicant has stated the following:

- The use of the premises in the evening will only be for private functions or events
- He has no intention of erecting a tent at any time
- There will be no discos or DJ's, and any recorded music will be played inside the cafe on a domestic hi-fi set with the volume control locked to a maximum set by Haringey's Noise Enforcement Officer
- Any live music will be acoustic (non-amplified)
- No cars will be parked near the cafe

Could you confirm that these undertakings would be made conditional if a licence is issued? Otherwise, again we only have the applicant's word that he will do as he promises.

3) Could you confirm that the Premises Licence would be surrendered on the termination of the current lease for the Lodge?

4) Could the applicant assign the lease before its termination and would any agreed premises licensing conditions still apply?

Thank you again for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Residents

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Dear Geoff Hunt,

Thank you very much for your email of the 13th April. I will try to clarify the points you have raised.

1. The proposed amendments to the original licence application have come about through discussion between ourselves and the Licensing Authority in response to representations. The Licence, if issued, will embody all these amendments and will define our legal position. If we break the terms of our licence we will be subject to substantial fines and the suspension or revocation of the licence.

2. Live music - outdoors as well as indoors? Yes. This is what we have asked for. At private parties, on a few occasions in the last twelve years we have had live music in the form of a jazz combo, or singers with acoustic guitars on the verandah. The participants have had a lovely time and no-one has ever complained to us about it. However, if the Licensing authority does not grant this, obviously we will comply.

3. Dancing outdoors - Yes we have asked for this. What we meant was for people to be able to dance on the verandah either to live music, or to recorded music from inside. We are happy to accept the Licensing Authority's ruling on this matter.

4. sale of alcohol - we do not wish to *sell* alcohol outdoors. This request was to cover people taking their drinks on to the verandah, or for a family who buy a bottle of wine with their lunch to be able to take away the bottle with the left-over wine.

5. Late night refreshment - we do not wish to sell food outdoors, but we want to be covered so that if people eat buffet food on the verandah, or on the bench or chairs outside the building, it will not be illegal.

Noise nuisance.

I grant your point that any noise can be a nuisance to others, and alcohol can be a dangerous drug. We held a liquor licence here for 6 years until 2005. We have held private parties (where alcohol has been consumed, but has not been on sale) on occasion for the last twelve years. I promise you, until the licence application, NOBODY has ever complained to us about any of these activities. It is, for instance, quite difficult to imagine that anyone in Connaught Gardens has ever been disturbed by noise from the lodge. We are quite a long way from any residences, and our only near neighbours are to the east in Muswell Hill Road, and they are away from the business end of the parties. In fact most of the people attending events in the lodge are also your neighbours, and are, by and large, a fairly restrained and responsible group of people, who like to let their hair down a little occasionally. Most of our events are 40th, 50th, and 60th birthday parties. There were one or two uproarious events in our early days, but we quickly learned how to be discriminating in whom we accept. We are not a commercial organisation. We do not seek personal gain. We simply need to bring in a bit more money, and want to make sure that we do it legally.

I am not qualified to discuss the bye-laws of Queen's Wood, although I understand they are the subject of debate at this time, and are expected to be substantially amended in the near future.

I can tell you that the lodge is not a part of the Queen's Wood Nature Reserve, but is a separate property administered by Haringey Council, who have reviewed the lease regularly and comprehensively.

According to the Licensing Law 2003, the Premises Licence would expire automatically if I die, or become mentally incapacitated or go bankrupt. Perhaps you would like to make a representation to the council that the Premises Licence should be surrendered on termination of the current lease for the lodge. I would certainly have no objection to that.

Notwithstanding the fact that we are not part of the Nature Reserve, we are as concerned as you are about the plant and animal life in this priceless amenity. We support environmental groups such as the Friends of Queens Wood, the Friends of the Earth and BCTV, providing meeting space free of charge, and offering free refreshments to working groups. Our garden speaks for itself. We have beehives. We have solar panels - we were the first in Haringey to put up solar panels 12 years ago and had to struggle with the council to achieve that. We provide a positive influence in the woods in so many ways, e.g. we help track down flashers and tippers, we chase the council and the water authority to keep the drains clear, we provide the only toilets in the woods and we operate an unofficial lost children lost dogs and lost property office. Whenever we take children's parties round the woods, we not only save the world or discover the lost treasure, we also learn the names of the trees and flowers and something of the unique history of the area.

We are proud to have transformed the lodge from a gloomy, delapidated, vandalised ruin in danger of disappearing altogether, and restoring it to its former glory, making it much more eco-friendly while retaining its Victorian charm, and of having played a small part in transforming the woods from a spooky, deserted, sad and lonely place into the vibrant, thriving, cheerful place it is now.

We welcome any further comments from our neighbours, and remind you that you can still make representations to the Licensing Authority until the 27th of April.

Yours

Harry Murray Shelmerdine

On Tue, Apr 13, 2010 at 10:42 AM, Connaught Gardens <[connaught.gardens@btinternet.com](mailto:connaught.gardens@btinternet.com)> wrote:

I am one of many local residents who are concerned about your licence application. I also act as co-ordinator for residents of Connaught Gardens and the surrounding area.

While I acknowledge your right to run a viable business, and appreciate the cafe as being exactly right and in keeping with its location in the Wood, I and many others are concerned about your licence application. I know of several residents, myself included, who would prefer you to expand your business by running a cafe similar to the one in Highgate Woods, serving alcohol with food, but because of its situation near houses, no music, and closing at dusk.

I have read your open letter, and while I note some changes to your current application, there's a lot which has been omitted from your "Main Points". I would like clarification on the following:

1. **Proposed amendments** - have you submitted/do you intend to submit a revised application to Haringey

Council? As yet there is no amended application on the Haringey Licensing website. Unless you submit an amended application along the lines indicated in your "open letter", all residents' comments will have to refer to the application as it now stands, whatever has been agreed with a few committee members of Friends of Queen's Wood. I must emphasise that they do not represent the views of the whole neighbourhood, and as you probably know a lot of people object to your proposals.

2. **Live music** - do you intend this activity to take place outdoors as well as indoors, as stated in your current application?

3. **Dancing** - do you intend this activity to take place outdoors as well as indoors, as stated in your current application?

3. **Sale of alcohol** - in your current application you apply for a licence to sell this indoors and outdoors; is this still your intention?

4. **Late night refreshment** - in your current application you apply for a licence to sell this indoors and outdoors; is this still your intention?

#### **NOISE NUISANCE**

Even with the amendments agreed with Friends of Queen's Wood, what you propose will still constitute a noise nuisance to local residents, particularly to those living nearby in Muswell Hill Road. On warm evenings people will congregate on the veranda and outside. Going in and out to get drinks etc. will cause the interior music to be heard outside. Non amplified outdoor music eg acoustic guitars (not a quiet instrument) will also disturb nearby residents.

#### **STILL CAUSE FOR CONCERN**

What is still worrying is that although you state on your application that you will only "occasionally" serve alcohol in the evenings and only have late night music and dancing when there is an event at the cafe, not unnaturally I am sure you hope this will become a regular feature. The premises are advertised for private evening parties; music and dancing outside until midnight is inappropriate in this peaceful location. Looking to the future, whatever your well-meaning personal intentions, the next tenant of the Lodge could decide to operate all hours (and not just for private parties) for which the premises has a licence; as you know once a licence has been given it is very difficult to get it withdrawn.

Also, do not your proposals contravene the bye-laws of Queen's Wood, and the terms of your lease for the Lodge?

As you will appreciate, time is running out for comments on your licence application. I would therefore appreciate a reply within 24 hours, in order that local residents can make a more informed response to your proposals.

Residents

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Dear Dahliah Barrett,

I have put my comments into an ordinary letter to you but perhaps it will be useful also to attach it here.

All good wishes

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19 April, 2010

Licensing Team, Enforcement, Urban Development  
Units 271-272, Lee Valley Technopark,  
Ashley Road, N17 9LN

Dear Licensing Team,

I write to comment in accordance with the Council's headings procedure on an application for a licence by Mr Shelmerdine.

The ancient wood and the Local Nature Reserve that is Queen's Wood contains a pleasant amenity -- a cafe in a small room and a porch of the old Keeper's Lodge. It is open currently from 10 to 6. Its proprietor, Mr Shelmerdine, who contributed to the preservation of the Lodge, and no doubt was rightly rewarded by Haringey Council with a 20-year lease at a peppercorn rent, has made an application to the Council for a certain licence.

The licence is for alcohol, live and recorded music, and dancing, in the Lodge and in a tent, from 6 pm until 1 in the morning on three nights of the week Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and until 11 pm on Monday to Thursday.

It is certainly an exaggeration but an understandable one that this is a proposal for something akin to a nightclub. It would be an unprecedented intrusion into a unique public space of quiet, solitude, natural beauty and wildlife, a public retreat of a character different from the parkland of Highgate Wood just across Muswell Hill Rd.

It is fair to say the existing application is not only audacious but shocking. It is no surprise that after the first public notice of the application was not properly displayed to the public, however that came about, the Council acted to double the consultation period. The application has rightly been condemned by the local M.P. Lynne Featherstone and by Councillor Bloch.

The proprietor's licence application stands as it was, and remains on the Council website -- despite an informal letter sent by him to some neighbours seeming to withdraw parts of the application. The private letter is unclear in its assurances and must be of uncertain force. The present situation is therefore one of at least some uncertainty.

I wish to object to the existing application and any similar application, and to any granting by the Council of something approximate to what is asked. I respectfully ask the council, more precisely, to allow no further change than the serving of alcohol in conjunction with meals in the current hours of opening. It is apparently the case that a previous licence for this was allowed to lapse.

I object, incidentally, as a member of the Friends of Queen's Wood, among whose members I am certainly not alone. Despite a request by me, the 100 or 200

members have not yet been consulted by the small and active committee of the Friends, which understandably has been much involved with the applicant. His existing application, then already controversial, might have been discussed at the very recent AGM of the Friends but was not. It is not mentioned in the Friends newsletter that arrived the other day.

I wish to object to the application under the headings specified by the Council, which are Public Nuisance, Health and Safety, and Public Disorder.

**Public Nuisance.** What is a public nuisance of course depends absolutely on location. What is a nuisance in a high street, a large playing field, a churchyard, a parking lot, your own backyard -- all of these will be different. Queen's Wood is a place of quiet, solitude, retreat, and the satisfactions of nature. It is indeed an historical wood and a Local Nature Reserve. There could hardly be a greater nuisance than the proposed development in a setting of hornbeam trees and birds. What more could be done by way of nuisance with respect to a quiet evening in a place of relaxation and escape from the urban environment?

The development would of course affect adversely, and be a nuisance to, some hundreds of residents in Muswell Hill Road, from Onslow Gardens up to Highgate tube station, and also residents in Wood Lane, as well as residents in Onslow Gardens and Connaught Gardens. But, in fact more significant, the development would also affect many more hundreds of people who visit the wood from at least a mile or two around. The development, then, is not open only to a 'not in my back yard' objection, however reasonable.

**Health and Safety.** The wood in the evening and after dark is in fact a place of some danger. There are low stumps to trip over, fallen trees, unpaved paths, slopes you can slide down, small flows of water. Young people having had a few drinks, to speak only of them, would indeed run the risk of coming to harm.

The wood is very dark, and there is hardly any lighting outside the Lodge now. For public safety it would presumably be necessary to install new lighting and to take other measures. These, plainly, could hardly be consistent with the enclave of Queen's Wood as it has been and is.

**Public Disorder.** No doubt this is a lesser concern. It has been remarked to us, however, that on weekend nights lads may indeed make their way down Muswell Hill from the pub on the corner of Archway Road and fancy a little fun at what they may take as a kind of alternative pub in the wood.

I wish to appeal not only to the Haringey licencing committee. This matter must also be of concern to the Haringey parks and open spaces division. I take it the designation of Queen's Wood as a nature preserve was serious in its intent, and that the reality is to be respected and defended. It is not just another public space. The Friends have in the past been concerned with disturbance to bird life in the Wood, in particular in connection with drumming by 'Pagans'. It would be proper, I take it, for the parks and division to make its position known to the licencing committee.

Yours sincerely,



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I am writing to object strongly to the ex [redacted] similar to  
what is asked. I am a resident of the Soi [redacted] and would  
suffer terribly from both the noise and the disturbance from people visiting the cafe. Queen's  
Wood is a very welcome place of quiet and natural beauty which would be entirely destroyed by  
drinking and discos. It has been designated as a nature preserve and I fail to understand how it  
could remain as one if the application were granted. I trust that the objections raised by Lynne  
Featherstone MP and Councillor Bloch will be taken into consideration as well as the many other  
objections you will have received from those who were fortunate enough to have received  
notice of this application. Residents in WOOD LANE were not considered to be eligible to  
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Wood Lodge, Highgate

Dear sirs

Please find below my representation against the granting of a license at Queens Wood Lodge, Highgate.

I am grateful for local concerned parties for bringing this to my attention as this was not well displayed.

I wish to object to the granting of a license beyond the current opening times of 6pm and for serving with food.

Queens wood is a local nature reserve, in a conservation area, and in my opinion is totally unsuitable for a licensed premises of this sort, I have set out my reasons for this below.

...ion of these points.

OBJECTION FORM

To make a representation in respect of an application for a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate please complete the following form. For representations to be considered relevant they must relate to one or more of the four "Licensing Objectives" (listed below).

Please note all representations will be made available for applicants to view. If you make a representation objecting to the application it is likely that you will be called upon to attend a hearing and present your objection before a Licensing Committee.

Personal Data

Name

Address


Licence application you wish to make a representation on

*You do not need to answer all of the questions in this section, but please give as much information as you can:*

Application Number New Application

Name of Licensee Queens Wood Lodge

Name of Premises (if applicable) Queens Wood Lodge

Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect)

Queens Wood Lodge

42 Muswell Hill Road, London N10 3JP

Highgate

Reason/s for representation

*Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives. Any representations that are considered to be vexatious or frivolous will not be considered (please see Haringey Council's leaflet Variations, Representations and Appeals for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates).*

*Fill in reason/s for your representation in the space provided under each Licensing Objective it relates to.*

#### **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

I am concerned that groups or individuals may spill out into the wood and surrounding streets late at night in an unlit area (the wood) and it will be difficult for staff in the premises to control this. Furthermore, causing nuisance when the premises closes at 1am or individuals or groups leave late at night on weekends passing my house and causing disruption on the way to the tube or bus.

I have at times witnessed men urinating in the doorway of Southwood Hall near to my house and the public house already situated at the border of Muswell Hill Road and Archway Road and am concerned this could increase and the possibility of this happening in my front garden. I have also on occasion found bottles and cans in my front garden from passers by late at night.

The risk of such nuisance would significantly increase should the premises be given a licence.

This is a quiet neighbourhood, bounded by Queens and Highgate woods and there are many families with young children in the area. I am expecting a child in June.

It is unacceptable for myself and neighbours to be disturbed by public nuisance in this conservation area.

There are already many licensed premises in Muswell Hill, on Archway Road and in Highgate, I do not believe there is a need to provide such a premises in a conservation area such as Queens Wood.

#### **Public Safety**

The wood in the evening and after dark is unlit and a place of some danger with low tree stumps to trip over, fallen trees, unpaved paths, slopes and small flows of water. People after having a few drinks would run the risk of coming to harm.

The wood is very dark and if it were to be made safe would necessitate installation of additional lighting which would be at odds with the conservation area of Queens Wood and disturbance to wildlife therein.

There is further potential danger from discarded, cans, bottles and glasses in the wood which would be difficult for the staff to clear up given the expanse of the area.

#### **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The wood is a place of quiet, solitude and retreat and is dedicated a conservation area and local nature reserve. There would be significant nuisance not only to local neighbours through noise, vomit, urine, rubbish, but also to wildlife in this area.

#### **The Protection of Children from Harm**

There is a children's playground in Queens wood and the area is a local amenity for families. There is a risk of harm to these children from discarded, bottles, cans etc from the premises.

Further there is a risk of sleep disturbance for children with people leaving the premises in a drunken state late at night.

I, Elizabeth Chater, hereby declare that all information I have submitted is true and correct.

Please send completed form to:  
The Licensing Team Enforcement  
Urban Environment  
Units 271-272  
Lee valley Technopark  
Ashley Road  
London  
N17 9LN

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London N10 3JP

Dear Madam,

With reference to the application for provision of alcohol and late night entertainment/licensing at the above premises we write to lodge a formal objection to the granting of this license.

Our concerns relate to the noise that will disturb our family home and the surrounding residential area throughout the week and weekends. This is currently a tranquil environment surrounded by housing and is designated as a Local Nature Reserve.

The woods have the capacity to attract local young people and we are extremely concerned that the reveling will expand into the woods were fires are often lit and attract alcohol and substance abuse throughout the night causing considerable public disorder. There are a large amount of young people from the numerous local schools who will be attracted to this.

The above also has serious public safety concerns, the woods are not directly accessible by vehicles, without lighting and water provision and the potential for fire, personal attack or accidental injury due to the localised conditions pose a very real and significant threat.

We trust that you will take our objections into account when considering this application.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Ms Barrett,

I understand that there is an application to turn the existing cafe in Queen's Wood into licensed premises that sells alcohol and plays music and provides for dancing up to 1 in the morning on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. I'm writing to let you know that, on grounds of public nuisance, I don't approve of this plan.

Yours sincerely,

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Olson Kend

**From:**

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**Subject:** Queen's Wood Cafe: application for alcohol and music licence for late night entertainment

**Attachments:** Letter to Haringey 19.4.2010.doc

Dear Daliah

I attach a letter of objection to the above application

Yours sincerely

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Haringey Licensing

19<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Dear Sirs

Ref:- Queen's Wood Café, application for alcohol and music licence for late night entertainment

We are writing to object to the application for an alcohol and music licence being granted to the Queen's Wood Café.

The grounds on which we would object are as follows:-

**Public disorder** - there is very limited internal space at these premises, so potentially large numbers of people could congregate on the veranda and outside, with alcoholic drinks, spilling over on to the public open space of Queen's Wood. There is no lighting in the Wood, leading to opportunities for crime, drug-dealing etc. In fact when I recently passed the café on a warm Sunday afternoon there were so many people around the outside of the café that it was difficult to get in, and this was in broad daylight.

**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 the many users of the Wood, as well as to local residents.

**Health and safety** - Unlike Highgate Wood, Queen's Wood is unregulated, unlit, paths are rough and some are very steep. It is not a safe place to be after dark.

The Wood is bordered by many houses (Muswell Hill Road, Onslow Gardens, Connaught Gardens, Wood Vale, Wood Lance). Sound carries very clearly across the Wood, especially at night, and with live music and dancing going on both inside and outside the building until 1.00 am Friday-Sunday, clearly local residents would be seriously disturbed.

What is worrying about this application is that although the applicant, the proprietor of the cafe, states that he will only "occasionally" serve alcohol in the evenings and have late night music and dancing when there is an event at the cafe, this could easily escalate to regular. He already advertises the use of the premises for parties. Once a licence has been given it is very difficult to get it withdrawn; looking to the future, the next tenant of the Lodge could decide to operate all hours for which the premises has a licence.

Yours faithfully



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and I am also Chair of the Management Company for all the 85 flats comprising Southwood Hall Estate, which encompasses Wood lane, Parkwood mews, Muswell Hill Road and South Close, the latter 35 flats are adjacent to Queen's woods. Clearly, I can not speak for everyone on the Estate, although many have voiced their objections to me. I have told them I will write and object, as an individual and in my capacity as Chair, but also encouraged them to contact you directly. Our objections are strong; this is a quiet place of natural beauty. The cafe serves a good purpose and I understand the owners wishing to develop the service, particularly after such a hard winter, but the extension of the license as proposed must be stopped, on grounds of public nuisance, health and safety and public disorder.

We ask the Council to allow no further change than the serving of alcohol in conjunction with meals, in the current hours of opening. I trust that Haringey will act accordingly, and I look forward to hearing, following the consultation period deadline 27 April, that the Council has done so.

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**Dear Ms Barrett**

**I am extremely concerned about the application for a licence for Queens Wood Lodge Café.**

**I strongly object on the grounds that this will completely spoil and ruin one of the few quiet green areas in London.**

**There is the risk of noise pollution of course but more importantly sends the wrong image for a wood.**

**There is the danger of broken glass etc in the wood itself which is used by children and animals.**

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Subject: Queens Wood Lodge Licence application  
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Dear Ms Barrett

Thank you for your prompt response to my email.

Just to clarify, the leaflet to which Mr Shelmerdine referred in his concern about my inadvertent use of the Haringey logo, made no mention of the possibility of a nightclub/pub. Also the leaflet distributed in my name set out very clearly the licensing objectives, so hopefully no one has contacted you inappropriately on the basis of what was said.

The reference to a pub/nightclub was in a very different leaflet produced and distributed by Muswell Hill Road residents, after reviewing the application, Mr Shelmerdine's 'open' letter and his reply to my queries.

As Mr Shelmerdine has not submitted a new application along the lines of what he has stated in his 'open letter', local residents are unclear about what exactly is being applied for and what conditions, if any, can be applied by your department.

Seeing the application as it stands, understandably people are worried that in spite of Mr Shelderdine's stated intentions, granting a licence could lead to all sorts of frequent late night parties/events, if not organised by Mr Shelmerdine, by any future tenant of the lodge.

I would be grateful if you could let me have a copy of the letter which you will send out, presumably to people who have contacted you?

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Hunt

The leaflet did 'scare' people who rang my office after reading it to express their concerns that a 'nightclub' / 'pub' was proposed in the woods.

I have written a letter that sets out the facts and the process and this letter will be sent out later this week.

I have chosen to not deal with every concern aired as they are not all relevant and will not be discussed at the hearing in due course.

Thank you for this email.

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I would like to raise my concern re the above. The cafe has a very small interior and party guests etc would naturally flow out into the open surrounding areas. This has implications for other users of the woods, being possibly intimidating for children and other passers by on near paths.

I would understand neighbours being concerned re noise pollution in the late summer evenings but, as a user, not a neighbour, I would be pretty sure that the amounts of litter in discarded drink bottles and rubbish from food would increase. This could include broken glass and food to attract vermin. This is already an issue.

The cafe and garden are delightful and of course neighbouring Highgate woods has a licensed cafe with music. To discriminate seems unfair and it would be good to assist the owner to increase use. However the cafe is not 'contained' and also much nearer housing than Queens Wood. This would seem to make all the difference.

By the way, the owner could certainly increase his morning coffee and cake trade by opening an hour earlier, catching the dog walkers and mothers meeting after school drop off. It all goes to Highgate Woods!

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**From:** [redacted].uk]  
**Sent:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Queens wood Lodge Cafe

Dear Ms Barrett,

I am writing to you to object against the recent licencing application for the Queens Wood Lodge Cafe. The reason for my objection is that it will be a public nuisance and public disorder. I have an elderly mother who lives on Muswell Hill Road who I fear will be kept awake at night due to the late night music and the noise of people returning home along her street late at night after alcohol has been consumed. There are very few places that will admit young people at that time of night in the area so it will attract many people who will possibly spill over into the Wood to drink and create a public nuisance because of the noise and the litter that will be left behind.

I hope the application will be turned down by Haringey.

With best wishes,

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To:

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Dear officer

my wife and I strictly and utterly object to this application. The venue is completely unsuitable for such a proposal. It would be noisy; provoke loitering in an unlit and unregulated environment, and no doubt lead to an increase in criminal activity. A totally unsuitable site for such activity, indeed absolute madness is this application.

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Dear Daliah Barrett,

I am writing to express my opposition to the application for a grant of a licence to the cafe in Queen's Wood.

The wood is an ancient woodland and a nature reserve, a place of very great importance to Highgate residents and to visitors, a remarkable haven of peace in a busy city.

To have music and dancing in such a place, and to such a late hour, would be a great public nuisance, a huge irritant to many for the benefit of the few.

I hope that the Council will refuse this application.

Yours truly,

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Dear Ms. Barrett

I am writing to express my concern about the above licensing application. If granted, the application is likely to lead to considerable nuisance and a potential security risk for local residents, a risk of public disorder, a possible fire hazard and damage to the flora and fauna of Queen's Woods.

Live and recorded music till 11pm during the week and 1am at weekends is likely to be a considerable nuisance to those of us whose homes back onto Queen's Wood. Sound travels easily across the Woods, especially at night. While it is one thing to be kept awake by the sound of owls, it is quite another being kept awake by the noise of somebody else's (idea of) music, especially if this is happening on a daily basis. It's not as if come the witching hour (11pm or 1am) everything will suddenly go quiet and peace will descend once again on the Woods; rather, the noise and disturbance is likely to continue for a while longer.

Secondly, the Lodge Cafe is quite small. Presumably the proprietor's business plan envisages attracting quite a lot of people, so where are they going to sit? Unless they are going to squash up and sit on each other's laps (unhygienic in a hot summer) they will spill out onto the open spaces of the Woods. So the local residents could have some/many, possibly the worse for alcohol, wandering through the Woods late at night. There are no public conveniences in the Woods. Moreover, customers of the cafe wanting to smoke will perforce have to do so in the open spaces. Quite apart from the potential for litter and fag ends on the pathways, there is also the risk of fire from a cigarette thrown carelessly into the woods.

Thirdly, Queen's Wood is a designated local nature reserve. Has the impact on and potential damage to the wildlife, habitat and flora been taken into account? If not, then it makes a mockery of the nature reserve status.

Yours sincerely,

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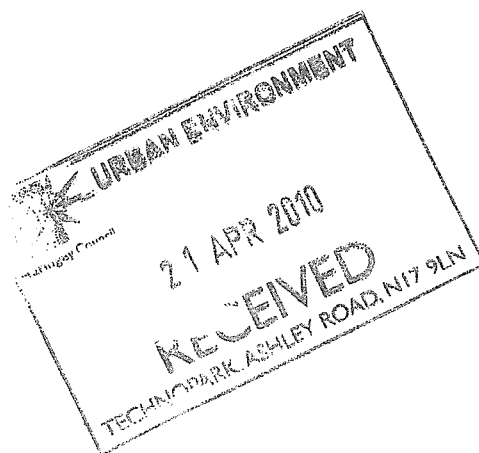
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Licensing Application, Queens Wood Lodge Café, 42 Muswell Hill Road, London N10  
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I am writing to **strongly object** to the above application.

As a local resident, I am very concerned of the impact that this application will have on local residents and the community. I do not feel there is a need for this type of business in a beautiful peaceful environment such as Queens Wood. There are plenty of vacant shops and premises in Muswell Hill which could accommodate the applicants.

Yours faithfully

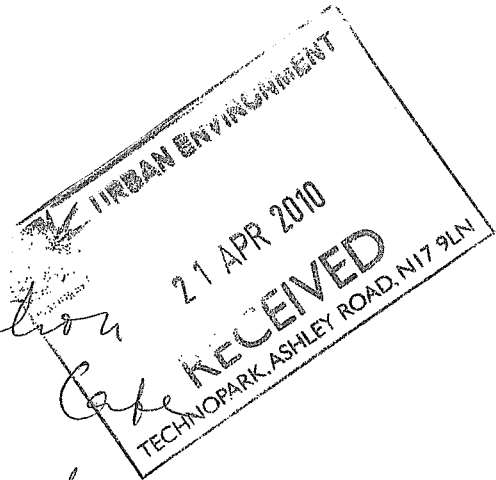


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Licensing Team,  
Enforcement, Urban Environment  
Units 271-272, Lee Valley Technopark  
Ashley Road, Tottenham  
London N17 9LN

Dear Licensing Team.

Re licensing Application  
Queen's Wood Lodge Cafe  
42 Muswell Hill Road  
London N10 3JP



live music, recorded music, provision of  
facilities for making music & dancing  
both inside & outside the premises  
Monday to Thursday 6pm to 11pm  
Friday to Sunday 6pm to 1am  
plus supply of alcohol (& late  
night refreshment in addition Friday to  
Sunday 11pm to 1am.

Queens Wood Lodge Cafe is at present a pleasant place in a designated nature reserve which serves the needs of the public more than adequately without disturbing the delightful surroundings.

We object very strongly to the proposals outlined on page 1.

① Public nuisance - NOISE in a designated Nature Reserve where many go for peace & recreation & to get away from NOISE! There are houses all round, Onslow Gardens, Muswell Hill Road, Wood Lane Wood Vale, Connaught Gardens & even possibly noise would reach Cranley Gardens as it would travel a long way at night especially, live music etc; would disturb local residents a very great deal if it were allowed at any time but specially during the proposed hours

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## HEALTH & SAFETY.

The wood is completely unregulated - the paths are many, some very steep, some rough and uneven and unlit. We would not like our family, friends or neighbours to be there at night in any case.

## PUBLIC DISORDER

The premises are not designed to cater for more than a few people and therefore potentially the sale of alcohol would cause gathering outside the cafe with attendant risk to the public visiting the Reserve.

We very much object to the proposed plans and hope that you will be able to consider our reasons - we are not antisocial but feel that these plans ARE!  
Yours faithfully,

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Dear Ms. Barrett,

I am writing to register an objection to the granting of a licensing application to enable the Keeper's Lodge in Queen's Wood to serve alcohol and open late, in effect to be converted into a pub or nightclub.

On the Haringey website,

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the wood is described as follows:

"Local Nature Reserves are areas of beauty where both people and wildlife can enjoy their surroundings together. They are places with wildlife or geological features that are of special interest locally, which give people special opportunities to study and learn about them or simply enjoy and have contact with nature."

I cannot see how the conversion of the Keeper's Lodge can possibly fit in with these admirable objectives.

I might add that the Woodman Pub, with some drinkers on leaving being sick and urinating along the Archway and Wood Lane, is an example of the nuisance that would ensue.

Sincerely,

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For the attention of the Licensing Team, Enforcement, Urban Environment Units

Licensing lead officer Ms Daliah Barrett

Re Licensing Application under consultation Queen Woods Lodge Cafe,  
42 Muswell Hill Road, London N10 3PJ

Dear Ms Barrett,

We wish to submit our objection to the above Licensing Application on several grounds:

- any introduction of alcohol into the area will cause nuisance, noise, rubbish in the woods. Currently young mothers, schools and toddler groups come and play in the area - any glass or metal cans will bring the possibility of injury for the kids.
- as you know people have to smoke outside now; the mixture of alcohol and cigarettes is surely not desirable in any woods, particularly at night. We think the danger of fire is real.
- The Woods is now a Local Nature Reserve, rough and fairly natural. We understand the the little pond is to be turned into a wild pond - how does this square with night-time entertainment nearby?
- The question of noise from any night events is also of concern to those who live nearby.

Regards,

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Further to our earlier response, we would like to comment further.

Our objection on the grounds of public nuisance is heightened by the unusual circumstances of the cafe. Places of public entertainment are usually in busy streets where an amount of background noise in the evening is normal. People who move into property there know that the nights will not be peaceful. Not only is the cafe sited in a totally residential area (apart from Bond and White next door that closes at 5.00PM) but it is in a peaceful haven of ancient woodland and wild life which we all wish to preserve. Not only will humans probably be disturbed but the wild life, particularly birds, will be disorientated by noise and light pollution until the early hours of morning. If there is to be dancing outside and in any case, on a hot summer's night, the windows of the cafe and the surrounding houses will be open; the sound will carry and disturb the neighbourhood. In our area, the nights are very quiet so the sound of music and merrymaking will not be dampened by background noise. We live much further from Alexandra Palace than we do from the cafe but the noise from the Palace is often carried to us.

We trust that the licensing authority will preserve the Queens Wood oasis of peace and beauty which we have enjoyed for the last 41 years and appreciate ever more as we get older.

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I understand you are the licencing officer for the application by Queens Wood Lodge Café.

I would like to object to the idea of a licence being granted for the consumption of alcohol on the following grounds:

- It will increase the general level of noise in the area. This will disturb local residents, including myself, especially at night.
- It will also disturb the animals within the wood. There is well-documented research showing that increased noise upsets wildlife.
- It is very likely that people will carry their enjoyment of alcohol out into the woods, which would aggravate the level of nuisance and might impact the safety of other users of the wood.

I am also disturbed that I did not hear about this licence application directly from the Council. Why is this?

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Ms. Dahlia Barrett,  
The Licensing Officer,  
Urban Environment Units 271-272  
Lee Valley Technopark,  
Ashley Road,  
Tottenham,  
London N17 9LN.

19th April 2010

Dear Ms. Barrett,

QUEENS WOOD LODGE CAFE, N10 3JP

We write to register our strong objection to the application for the provision of late night entertainment, the supply of alcohol and the proposed opening hours for the Queens Wood Lodge Cafe.

The idea that live music, recorded music and dancing inside and outside the premises and the supply of alcohol up to 11.00pm on weekdays and up to 1.00am on three days at weekends fills us with horror.

The proposal is completely inappropriate for a residential area and even more so for Queens Wood which, as a designated nature reserve, should be a place of tranquility where users and residents can escape from the noise of urban life.

We already have experience of music being played in Queens Wood on summer evenings and the effect and disturbance it causes to surrounding residents. The topography of Queens Wood allows obtrusive sound to carry long distances across the valley well away from the source of the sound. The possibility that we could be subjected to this nuisance at any time from 6.00pm to one o'clock in the morning would be intolerable and the application must be rejected. Why should music be permitted in Queens Wood when it is not permitted outside pubs in Muswell Hill Broadway?

In addition to the noise nuisance, the proposal seeks to allow alcohol to be consumed in the early hours of the morning. It is generally accepted that the extension of drinking hours has not had the effect of reducing unacceptable drunken behaviour on our streets. On the contrary it has had the opposite effect and has encouraged the growth of "yob culture". It is because of the need to curb acts of public nuisance that the licensing system was introduced and this application is a classic case for the system to be used

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for that purpose.

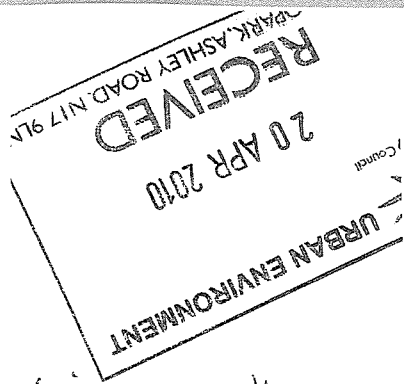
Unlike Highgate Wood, Queens Wood is not closed to the public at night. Even in daytime we know from experience that it is inadvisable for women and young children to be alone in the woods. On one evening last summer a group of teenagers drinking alcohol in the woods lit a bonfire which would have caused serious damage if the police and fire service had not responded promptly to residents' complaints. We have little doubt that if the consumption of alcohol was allowed in the woods this sort of incident would become a more regular occurrence.

The fact is that there is a serious conflict of use between the application proposals and the concept of Queens Wood as a nature reserve intended for quiet enjoyment and for the reasons stated above the application should be refused.

Yours faithfully,

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Licensing Team.

Dear Sirs.

Queen's Wood.

Nature Reserve

I wish to strongly object  
to a licence being granted to the  
above for use in the evenings  
This is a quiet and peaceful  
area and a late licence would  
spoil the environment.

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Ref: Queens Wood Lodge. Cafe.

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Dear Sir,

We strongly object to the proposed licencing application of alcohol / music dancing.

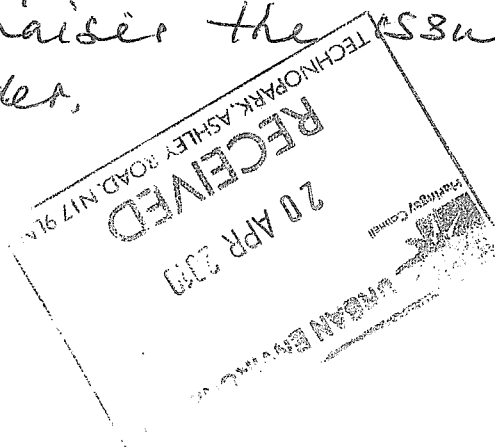
As a resident of many years we have enjoyed the family area of a local nature reserve.

Sound especially late night carries quite clearly across the woods which would surely constitute a public nuisance and disturb all surrounding residents.

The wood itself is not safe and can be dangerous after dark.

The supply of alcohol and the area of the Cafe make the application totally against any Health and Safety concerns.

It also raises the issue of crime and disorder.



Yours Sincerely

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Licensing Application.

~~MIN~~ should like to record our opposition to this application.

A licensed cafe/restaurant in Queen's Wood with music outside the premises as well as inside is totally out of keeping with the character & purposes of Queen's Wood which is a local Nature Reserve & simply, within this definition, contrary to purpose as bound to upset local fauna & bird life in the Reserve.

This apart there are serious implications for public nuisance - daily users of the woods value it for its peace & quiet, noise at night is bound to disturb local residents. Experience of other licensed late night music in the area (Crouch End Playing Fields) shows only too well that whatever the undertakings given by applicants at the time, over time the volume of noise creeps up.

The premises of the cafe are such that it offers limited space to clients. Overspill of clients at functions into the public open space of the woods, with consequent disturbance, would

would be unavoidable. The availability  
of alcohol would inevitably attract a new  
element of clientele, with a definite  
possibility of trouble in the unit,  
unnoticed parcels of the Nature Reserve.

It is essential that the cafe should  
retain its present character, & in particular  
suitability for families & small children,  
for whom Queens Wood is such an important  
resource, and as I have known it for forty years.

Yours sincerely,